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Annexure to FILE NO. 16-36

SUBJECT

Reports on alleged insult the National flag.

Previous references—

Later references—

MCIP 1945-31 Secti 39,98

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Regn. No. 398/con : memo. no. 260/STD/M8/47 / P. 3 Con:
from the D.C. Chanda

Submitted with H.P. file ?

Ch. Secy.

This apparently is a pure canard.

HPM

20.8.47

The explanation is quite satisfactory.
H.P.M. should see when he returns.

HPM
22.8.47

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Mr Nafde
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47-8 Secti. 21.5.658

To

The Hon'ble Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla,
Prime Minister
C. P. & Berar, Nagpur.

Dated Chanda the 15th August '47.

May I take leave to inform your honour a sad - thing which took place at CHANDA this morning under - your very nose. That all Government offices had orders to begin the 15th with the Hoisting of the 'National - Tricolour '. But the office of the Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Chanda Division, didi not do so. The Executive Engineer, Mr.E.J.Higher, has been long known for his - pronounced and anti-national sentiments and he did not make pretence tohide them even under the changed - conditions. The result was, the ' National Flag ' was not hoisted. When the Assistant Engineer knew this, h he (Asstt. Engineer) did so himself, after hoisting his own office Flag. The Executive Engineer himself did did not even remain present onthe occassion (both at P.W.D.Divisional Office as well as Circuit House Chanda) No written notice in this respect was issued or - caused to be issued byhim. This GLARING INSUIT offered to OUR endear National Tricolour is too much to forget and calls for drastic action.

Dated Chanda the
15th August 1947.

One Who knows.

No. P.A-54/U dated 18-7-47.

Copy to D.C., Chanda, to report if there is any truth in this. It should not be sent to the Executive Engineer, P.W.D.

Chief Secretary to Government,
Central Provinces and Berar.

To The Governor,
C. P. & Berar,
Nagpur.

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chanda.

MEMO. No. 260/St. dated the 19th August 1947

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Central Provinces and Berar,
Nagpur.

20 AUG 1947

Subject:- Unsigned application alleging insult offered by Mr. Higher, Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Chanda, to the National Tri-colour Flag.

P.1

Reference:- Your endt. no. P.A.54/V, dated the 18th August 1947

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A similar petition was handed over to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Hon'ble the Food Minister, Central Provinces and Berar, at the Circuit House, Chandam, on the 15th evening and he directed me to obtain a report from the Executive Engineer on the points raised therein. Mr. Higher sent a re-port to the Parliamentary Secretary and a copy was also sent to me. I enclose a copy thereof.

2. Mr. Higher personally saw me and the Parliamentary Secre-tary and explained that he never offered any insult to the National Flag. The flag-hoisting on his office was done by the Asst. Engineer. Mr. Higher had personally come to the Circuit House for the flag-hoisting, but on his arrival he found that the flag had been hoisted. Mr. Higher spent a con-siderable sum of money in feeding his staff on the 15th and he himself sat with them for dining.

3. In my opinion, there is no truth in this complaint. I did not report the matter as the Parliamentary Secretary was satisfied with the written reply and the verbal talk of Mr. Higher, and closed the matter.

R Agrawala

Encl:- one. NR. Deputy Commissioner, Chanda.

No: 261/St, dated the 19th August 1947

Copy, with a copy of the enclosure, together with a copy of the reference to which it is a reply, is forwarded to the Commis-sioner, Nagpur Division, Nagpur, for information.

sd/ R.B. Agrawala

Encl:- two NR. Deputy Commissioner, Chanda.

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To

The Deputy Commissioner,
Chanda.

I am not aware of any insult offered by me to our National Flag. My duties and functions as Executive Engineer are to make arrangements and not to do things with my own hands.

20 AUG 1947

I had arranged to have my office flag hoisted by the Asst.Engineer so that I could attend to the hoisting of our National Flag at the Circuit House. For the latter purpose I had arranged a garland in case the hoisting was done by the Parliamentary Secretary, but when I arrived there I found that the flag had been hoisted, so I went on to my office and the Sub-divisional Office to see that our National Flags were hoisted at these places.

All arrangements for hoisting, illumination etc. were made by me, and I am not aware of any fault in the arrange--ments, as all the flags in my charge were hoisted before 6-30 a.m. on the 15th August 1947 and fully illu--minated by night.

As an Indian myself it would be quite absurd to hold 'anti-national sentiments' and I am proud of my nationality and do not suffer from an inferiority complex. I am of very retiring habits and seldom care about public func--tions, and unless my presence is absolutely necessary, I avoid them.

The anonymous letter addressed to the Parliamentary Secretary is quite incorrect and definitely written by some mischief-monger.

sd/ E.J.Higher
E.E.,P.W.D.Chanda Division,
Chanda.

Chanda, 16th Aug:1947

Copy forwarded to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Hon'ble Minister for Food,C.P.and Berar,

sd/E.J .H igher,
E.E.,P.W.D.

XXVI Sectt.

Regd. No. 409/con : Endt. No. 431/cc d/ 9-9-47
from Commr. Nagpur Divn.

Portfolio of
p. 4

Kindly see the telegram at p. 1 corr: alleging that the Proprietor of the Jayant Talkies at Chanda insulted the National Flag.
The DC's report at pp. 3-4 corr: shows that there is no substance in the allegation.
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Mr. Nafde
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Ch. S. To enquire

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TO Prime minister nagpur

cpy to Dr Keskar

= Congress talkies insulted national flag enquire take action people upset

= Bhagwatiprasad mishra
chaganlal khajanchi

N. B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from the text.

S. S. P. N.

Government of the Central Provinces and Berar,
Political and Military Department.

No. P.W-53/0 dated Nagpur the 18th August 1947.

Copy to Deputy Commissioner, Chanda, for information and early report.

Chief Secretary to Government,
Central Provinces and Berar.

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CONFIDENTIAL. OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, CHANDA

Memo.No.287/St, dated the 6th September 1947

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To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Central Provinces and Berar,
N A G P U R.

Through: The Commissioner, Nagpur Division,
N A G P U R.

Subject:- Enquiry relating to the incident at Jayant Talkies, Chanda, on the morning of 17th August last, alleging insult to the National Tri-colour Flag.

Reference:- Your Endt.No.P.A.53/V, dated the 18th Aug:47 (Copy enclosed for Commr's information).

An enquiry has been held by the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Chanda, and the record thereof is herewith sub-mitted.

2. There are two versions of the incident as under:-

(i) the proprietor of the cinema Mr. Dadajee Mamidwar asserts that the National Flag was taken down on the 16th night because of heavy rain and wind.

(ii) that the National Flag was taken down by some R.S.S.Sangh volunteer on the 17th morning just before a meeting of the R.S.S.Sangh was held there.

3. Either side has led evidence to prove their assertion. I agree with the finding of the Deputy Supdt. of Police that the National Flag was taken down on the 16th night because of the rain and wind and that it was not taken down on the 17th morning and that the proprietor Mr. Dadajee Mamidwar who is a long-standing congressman did mean no insult to the tri-colour flag. The Presi-dent of the Taluka Congress Committee, Chanda, Mr. Jagdish Rao Salve, had attended the meeting of the R.S.S.Sangh at the Jayant Talkies on the 17th morning and if any in-sult was offered to the National Flag in that meeting, he would have himself protested and it was expected that Balkrishna should have brought this matter to his notice then and there which has not been done.

4. There are two parties in the local congress cir-

circles and one party is in favour of the proprietor, and the other party is against him. It is likely that the party against the proprietor may continue the agitation because the local congress elections are to take place and they might attempt to throw the official party out of power on this ground.

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Deputy Commissioner, Chanda.

Encl:- Record of the enquiry by Dy.S.P. (pp. 1-30)

T s.c.
1 copy of Ch.Sec's Endt. d/-18-8-47(for Commr.)

Office of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.

No. ~~431/~~CC dated Nagpur, the 9th September, 1947.

Forwarded. Enquiry shows that there was actually no insult to the National Flag.

409/Con
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Commissioner,
Nagpur Division.

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Office of the Deputy Commr: Chanda

D.O.No.Q/St. dated the 19th August 1947

Dear Mr.Sharma,

I enclose herewith a copy of a telegram received from the Chief Secretary to Govt.C.P.and Berar. I shall be grateful if you will please get the matter enquired into by a responsible police officer, preferably a gazetted officer, and let me have a brief report on the facts as early as possible.

Rec'd on 17.8.47. 10.30 A.M.

Yours sincerely,

Bhagwati

P.L.Sharma,Esqr.,
D.S.Police,Chanda.

Encl:-one

Copy of telegram da ted 17th August 1947 from Bhagwati prasad Misra and Chaganlal Khajanchi of Chanda to the Prime Minister.

JAYANT TALKIES INSULTED NATIONAL FLAG STOP ENQUIRE TAKE ACTION PEOPLE UPSET.

No:P.A.53/V,dated the 18th August 1947

Copy to Dy.Commr:Chanda,for information and early report.

sd/P.S.Rau,
Ch.Secretary to Govt.
C.P.and Berar.

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Hindu held an enquiry, which should be confirmed to ascertaining facts only.

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My report is attached herewith pl.

Sharma
D/SP
Chanda
19/8/47.

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Dada Vishwanath Manidhar, proprietor of "Jayant and Saloshana talkies" Chanda aged 32 years:
I am a Congress man through & through since 1930. I have always been assisting the Congress. I am lover of the National flag for which I have made so much financial sacrifices. Recently on 9th August 1947, the 'Quit India Day' I opened my new talkies named 'Jayant talkies'. Before opening this new 'talkies Jayant', celebration of hoisting of National flag over the new constructed Cinema building ~~opening ceremony~~ was performed at the hands of Mr. Lokagrani Bava Saheb Deshmukh. Since that date this 'colour' National flag was flying on the said building. But on the night of 16/8/47, it so happened that due to rains and hard storm the pole of the flag which is about 18' in length was bending so much so that I was afraid if it might not come out from the wall to which it was fastened and upon it had weight also of the wire & light etc. and in order to avoid any accident, the flag which is 6'x4' was lowered down at about 8.30 or 9 pm and was again hoisted just the next morning. It was lowered down with the help of Manohar Prahalad Khale, a staunch Congressman and was hoisted by him before the function of ~~unfurling of the flag~~ opening ceremony. ~~Flag Officer Chanda Brigade~~ Manohar Prahalad is the manager of Cooperative Store Chanda. Manohar Prahalad was formerly in Chanda Sangh Mal. The National flag is still flying & will be always flying on my buildings, theatres & Car also as usual. I have also come to know that some mischief story has been carried in

I know Dada very well since 1930 that he is all in all a Congress man & has a great respect & reverence for the National flag. I myself am a staunch Congress man for the last 20 years and on my authority I

this connection with the minds of some of the Congressmen who are of the opposition Camp and to clear the misunderstandings I have already published handbills which are being distributed in the town, to remove any doubts against me.

R.S.S. Sangh meeting was held ~~held~~ in the Cinema Hall of 'Jayant Talkies' on 17/8/47 at 6 P.M. in the evening which has absolutely nothing to do with the Flag business on the third storey. They were only in the Cinema Hall, Balcony and Stage. They had a small 'Bhagwa Flag' on the Stage near the Table which was taken away by them soon after their function was over of Rally of their Sang was over. Nothing was spoken in that meeting against the National Flag. The meeting was also attended by Bahuja Congress Committee President Mr: Jagdish Rao Sarda and also by the President of the Municipal Committee Chanda. The meeting was attended by about 1000 persons including boys. The National Flag is on the top of the 3rd storey of 'Jayant Cinema' where no member of the RSS had any access to go, as it is a private place. I shall send you a hand bill also which would clear all misunderstandings.

Mr: Kashaorao Pandharipande (Kachardatta Potdukhe)

D.Y.S.P.
19/8.

R.O. & admitted to be Correct.

D.Y.S.P.

Chanda.
Dt. 19/8/47

जाहीर निवेदन

जयंत बोलपट गृहावरील राष्ट्रीय ध्वजाचा आमचे कडून अपमान करण्यांत आला असा कांही लोकांकडून गैरसमज करण्यांत येत आहे. त्या बाबतीत मी आपले कडून खुलासा करणे आवश्यक आहे.

मी स्वतः फार उच्च दर्जाचा कांग्रेसमन नसलो तरी गेल्या पंधरा वर्षापासून मी आपल्या शक्तिनुसार कांग्रेसची सेवा करीत आहो मला राष्ट्रीय ध्वजाबद्दल नितांत आदर असून आज पर्यंत मी राष्ट्रीय निशाणा शिवाय इतर निशाण आपल्या घरावर, थिएटरावर किंवा गाडीवर वापरले नाही.

गेल्या ९ तारखेस माझ्या नवीन जयंत बोलपट गृहाचा उद्घाटन समारंभ होण्यापूर्वी येथील एक निष्ठावंत कांग्रेसमन श्री. म. प्र. घाटे यांचे हस्ते नवे राष्ट्रीय निशाण बोलपट गृहावर फडकविले. व त्या ध्वजाबद्दल आदर व्यक्त केला. तसेंच १५ तारखेच्या विजय दिवशीं सुद्धां बोलपट गृहासमोर दरवाजे तयार करवून व बोलपट गृहावर यथा शक्ती दिव्यांची रोषनाई केली

ता. १६ ला राष्ट्रीय स्वयंसेवक संघाच्या कार्यक्रमाकरितां संघ चालकांनी मला बोलपट गृह मागितले त्यांनी निशाणाबद्दल कोणतीही अडचण किंवा विरोध दाखविला नाहीं ता. १६ ला रात्रीं जोराचा वारा सुटल्यामुळे ध्वजाचा खांब जोरांनी हलु लागला. व त्यामुळें खांब पडू नये म्हणून त्या दिवशीं अनायसेच हजर असलेले, श्री म प्र. घाटे यांचे हस्ते ते निशाण खाली उतरवून खांबाचा बांधून ठेवले असे करण्यात दुसऱ्या दिवशीं, झालेल्या संघाच्या कार्यक्रमाशी कांहींही संबंध नव्हता.

दुसरे दिवशीं म्हणजे ता, १७ ला सकाळीं राष्ट्रीयस्वयंसेवक संघाचा कार्यक्रम बोलपट गृहांत झाला व त्यांनी त्यांचें भगवे निशाण तात्पुरते स्टेजवर लावले होतें या समारंभास आपलें येथिल तालुका कांग्रेस कमेटीचे अध्यक्ष दे, म जगदीशराव साळवे व नगराध्यक्ष भी, बाबूराव पोटदुखे हजर होते कोणीहीं बोलपट गृहावरील ध्वजाबद्दल विरोध केला नाहीं,

अशी वस्तुस्थिती असतांना कांहीं देश भक्तानी राष्ट्रीय निशाणाला भी. ता. १७ ला सकाळी रा. स्व संघाचा कार्यक्रमाकरितां खाली उतरविलें असा गैर समज करून शहरांत वादळ उत्पन्न केलें आहे, मी आज ब्रह्मपूरी वरून परत आल्यावर मला जेव्हां हा सर्व प्रकार कळला त्यामुळें अत्यंत खेद झाला, व शहरांतील नागरीकांचा जो गैर समज करून दिला त्या बद्दल ही दिलगीरी वाटली, मला पूर्ण खात्री आहे, कीं शहरांतील आमचें नागरिक असला कोणताही गैर समज करून घेणार नाहींत, इतकेंच नव्हे तर राष्ट्रीय निशाणाचा माझें कडून जाणतां वा अजाणतां कधीही अपमान होणार नाही, व इतर कोणी केला तर तो मी कधीच सहन करणार नाहीं व माझें समोर जर कोणी राष्ट्रीय ध्वजांचा अपमान केला तर त्याच्या प्रतिकारार्थ मीही आपल्या बरोबरीनें तनमन धनानें हजर होईन, असें मी आपणांस आश्वासन देतो,

आपला नम्र

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ता १९-८-१९४७

गं. छापखाना चांदा

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Manohar Vaikuntha Khale aged 37 years of Chanda.

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I am manager of the Co-operative Store Chanda for about a year. I know Dada ji Marwadwar of Chanda. Recently he has constructed a Cinema building called Jayanti Talkies. Its opening ceremony was performed at the hands of Mr. Bava Saheb Deshmukh on 9/8/47, after we had hoisted on that building the National flag in the evening. It was hoisted by me. On the night of 16/8/47, it so happened that due to gust of winds and rains the pole of the flag was seen bending every now & then due to the bunch weight on the Top, as it is about 15' in length fastened in the Wall to about 9" only. Besides there is electric wire & light attached to it on the top. Seeing this there may not occur any accident, the flag which is 6'x4' and had become wet was lowered by me at about 9 PM with instruction to Dada that it must be hoisted early next morning before the arrival of the RSS in the Hall of the Cinema Talkies Mall. It could not be done early in the morning due to fault of the Servant who delayed it to about 8.30 AM and then hoisted it through Karodia operator of the Cinema. It is still flying there. This is nothing but a nuisance stand by some Congressites of the Town, who have viewed the matter quite otherwise. The Chanda Sahar people have no connection with this, nor any member of the RSS was allowed access to go up to the 3rd storey where the flag is flying. Nothing was said in the arrival of the RSS against the said flag. The fact was conveyed to Bhagwat & other Congressmen by a Servant boy of Dada named Balkrishna Kasar. I know Dada very well since 1930 that he is all in all a Congress man & has a great respect & reverence for the National flag. I myself am a staunch Congress man for the last 20 years and am for awaiting I

10 Can say that this is simply a matter of misunderstanding and nothing beyond that and in order to remove the misunderstanding Dada has published some hand bills, copy of which is produced & have been distributed in the town today which explains his principles his position in regard to this misunderstanding.

Dhara DySP
Chanda

R.D. Admitted to be Correct

Dhara DySP
Chanda.

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Balkrishna s/o Narayan Rao @ Bhai Jr: Master of Chanda aged 22 years.

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I know Dada Mamidwar of Chanda. I was in his Service from 26/7/47. I was then made to work as gate Keeper in his Jagat Talkies with effect from 9/8/47 when its opening ceremony was performed. National Flag was hoisted on the Cinema building on the day of opening. I do not know as to who had unfurled the Flag. On the evening of 17/8/47 ~~incidentally~~ about the time of the meeting of the RSS Sangh held in the Cinema Hall I had gone up on the 2nd storey. There I saw that my master was placing the chairs in their proper position. I also assisted him in arranging the chairs. Shortly my master left for the Railway Station. I then asked from some of the RSS Sangh members as to where the manager of the Cinema was. They told me that he had gone up. I saw him up but he was not there. Then I came down and ask the RSS people again about the manager and wanted to go up. They asked me the reason I told them that I wanted to raise the National flag on the third storey. 2 of them came to me and asked me to go away. I told them that I was a Servant & it was my duty to correct the Flag & ~~which~~ who were they to stop him to go up. They then turned me out by catching my hand. I told them that I was responsible for the articles there and would have to answer any damage to my master if occurred there. Then one Dwarkadas master asked the volunteers to turn me out saying that I was unnecessarily creating trouble at the time of hoisting. Then I was asked to go away. Before I went to the Cinema Hall I saw from the Varanda that the National Flag was lowered down by some body. I could not make him out as to who he was but he was wearing khaki Pant & White Shirt. After I came down I wrote a letter to the

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Balkrishna S/o Narayan Rao @ Bhai J. Nasar of Chanda aged 22 years.

I knew Dada Mamidwar of Chanda. I was in his service from 26/7/47. I was then asked to work as gate keeper in his Jagat Talkies with effect from 9/8/47 when its opening ceremony was performed. National Flag was hoisted on the Cinema building on the day of opening. I do not know as to who had unfurled the Flag. On the evening of 17/8/47 about the time of the meeting of the RSS Sangh held in the Cinema Hall I had gone up on the 2nd storey. There I saw that my master was placing the chairs in their proper position. I also assisted him in arranging the chairs. Shortly after my master left for the Railway Station. I then asked from some of the RSS Sangh members as to where the manager of the Cinema was. They told me that he had gone up. I saw him up but he was not there. Then I came down and ask the RSS people again about the manager and wanted to go up. They asked me the reason I told them that I wanted to raise the National flag on the third storey. 2 of them came to me and asked me to go away. I told them that I was a servant & it was my duty to correct the flag & who were they to stop him to go up. Then they turned me out by catching my hand. I told them that I was responsible for the articles there and would have to answer any damage to my master if occurred there. Then one Dwarkadas master asked the volunteers to turn me out saying that I was unnecessarily creating trouble at the time of meeting. Then I was asked to go away. Before I went to the Cinema Hall I saw from the Veranda that the National Flag was lowered down by some body. I could not make him out as to who he was but he was wearing khaki pant & white shirt. After I came down I wrote a letter to the

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to the President of the meeting Mr. Bhagwat requesting me that I may be allowed to speak about 2 minutes. But I was not allowed. Then I seated myself on a chair inside the Hall. After the speeches were over they proposed a Nargeas Jagdish Rao Salve & Madhao Rao Deshmukhe presidents of the Talugua Congress Committee and Municipal Committee respectively were also in the meeting. Then I went to the congress office. It was found closed. I found Madhao Rao in the library over the congress office I told him what I had seen in the Cinema. Then I left for my house when in the way I saw Bhagwat Md: Chaga Lal & Sultan Singh at the shop of Rajmal & told them also all what had happened at the Cinema hall.

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Kodu Narayan Mahar of Chanda aged 23 years:-

I am an employee of Dada Mamidwar and working as an Assist- Operator in his Cinema Talkies named 'Jayat Talkies' at- Chanda. The National Flag was hoisted on the building of the Jayat Cinema Talkies on 9/8/47 evening at the hands of Manohar Pandharinath Ghate an Ahmed Congress worker. It was lowered through him on the night of 16/8/47 by the proprietor as the pole had much bent due to heavy weight of electric wire, light and weakness of the Flag Cloth which is of a very big Size. On the morning of 17/8/47 was ordered by my master Dadas Hotelwala named Vishwanath Kawde to hoist the Flag which was done by me. It is still flying since. I had hoisted it soon after I was directed to do so at about 8 A.M. That morning there was a meeting of the Rashtriya S.S. Sangh in the Cinema Hall in the morning prior to my hoisting the Flag. My master Dada had left Chanda for Nagpur the same morning in the early hours.

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R.O. Admitted to be Correct.

Chanda.

Dt 19/8/47

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Bhagwati s/o Sto Narbada Ad: Misr
age 32 years:—

I live at Chanda. I am ex President of the Chanda Congress Co—tee & Ex Secretary of the Taluqa Congress Co—tee Chanda. At present I am a member of the Taluqa Congress Comittee. On 17/8/47 at about 7 AM I was informed by Kishan Patel Municipal member that the National flag over the 'Jayant Talkies' Chanda was lowered in the morning. He told me that as a result of the RSS Sabha was held there in the Civic Hall that morning appeared to be the apparent reason. I then went towards the main bazar in the town from my house & when I reached in front of the Jayant Cinema Talkies I saw that the meeting of the RSS was over & the people were coming out. I then went there & saw with my own eyes that the National flag was lying at the base of the pole & the previous evening I had seen it flying over the building. When I saw the flag down it was about 7.15 AM. 7.30 AM. I then enquired about Deodi, the proprietor of the Jayant Talkies. I learned that he had left for Bamhani Ullan & Chanda Settling there & we thereafter over the matter. A report was drafted under my signature & those of Bhagwan & Chandrabhan to the effect that the National flag was dishonoured at the building of Jayant Talkies & that the matter may be taken up. In the meantime Balkrishna Agtave came over there & informed us all what he has seen with his own eyes about lowering of the National flag

at the Jayant Talkies. We wrote from there in his own writing & then A.H. Chapan sent a telegram to the Premier & President of the Congress Nagpur. Many people who had seen the incident came to us & told us all about. They had also seen that the National Flag was seen lowered down at the Jayant Talkies building. Then came to the shop of my brother (Vasant). There also people were talking about the Flag. Some of them told me that they had seen it flying over the building till late in the previous night when they had attended the 2nd show. Some other persons told me that they had personally seen the incident. Their names I do not wish to disclose at this time. The information spread in the whole town gradually. Then approached Nitkant Rao Deshpande, Secretary Taluka Congress Committee to do something towards the unpatriotic incident that a meeting should be called. A meeting was therefore arranged which held on 18/8/47 under the Chairmanship. The public meeting was held accordingly in Gandhi Chowk. Prior to this meeting Dada Ramchandra Sent a Car to me in which Dr. Bhaskar was Came & took me to the Civil Hall of Jayant Talkies. Dada was there. Dada told me that he heard nothing about the Flag incident & Came down to Chanda me for his response to a telegram received from D. Bhaskar was. He asked my advise to satisfy the public opinion about the incident of the Flag. I told him to what that in his absence & that he has done. Saved the Congress & I would never endure the dishonour of the National Flag & should express his regret over what has happened at his build-up. He asked me to prepare a draft which I did. While he was going to sign it there Came

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Jamadhar Sandwich Dr Wadekar who had took
of the draft and advised Dada not to do anything.
Let the public do what ever they liked. Thus
Dada did not sign the draft. We all three then
went to attend a Pan Supari in honour
of 'D' given by Jaihind Mandal Jalgaon. While
returning I again went to Dada along with my friends as per his request,
There were some more persons in his Company then.
He told me that he was in a fix as to whether he
should sign the draft or not. I then left him
in his Cabin talking only. What I think is
that the National Flag has proposed been hoisted
down & Congress Flag hoisted.

Thanks Dys!

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Thanks Dys!

- Chandu.

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Jagdish Balaji Salve aged 53 years of Chanda

I am the president of the Taluqa Congress Committee Chanda and Vice President of the M. C. Chanda. on 17/8/47 at about 9 or 9.30 A.M. Bhagwati Gond came to me in Gandhi Chowk which I was telling to Sri Gaidhani and told me to call a meeting of the Taluqa Congress Committee. I asked his reason. He told me that the National Flag flying on the building of the Jayant Talkies was lowered that morning at the time of the meeting of the R.S.S. that was held in the hall of the said Cinema and it was a matter which should be taken up. I asked him to send an application in respect of it. ~~to the Court.~~ After about an hour or so Bhagwati Gond brought an application to me while I was sitting on Joshi's shop in the main bazar. I wanted to bring this matter to the notice of the D.C. but as I could not find him ~~so~~ I went to D.C. and told him all about the application and requested him to order some enquiry into the matter and went away. Just in the afternoon Bhagwati came to me ~~and~~ with signatures on a paper to the effect that a public meeting on the subject ~~of~~ was already fixed for 7 P.M. I told him that the signatures were

not necessary, as a meeting could be called on the signature of even one member & I further told him that the meeting was being called on behalf of the public, I could be present there as president of the Satyagraha Committee. He then went away and I did not sign the paper. Next morning on 15/8/17 at about 9.30 AM I was called by Seth Khushalchand at his residence. I went to him at about 10.15 AM. He asked me about the incident of flag hoisting at the Gayaji Talkies building as to what should be done in that respect. He further told me that Khaparde, Bhaiya Saheb Ghanashyam Lal & others were very much upset about the matter & wanted some action to be taken against the defaulters. I told him that the prosecutor Doctor of the Gayaji Talkies was absent towards Bhadran days and prior to do any thing in this case he would be liable to consult him. He said that it was not necessary, a public meeting must be called. I told him I had no objection. They could do what they liked. Meanwhile there arrived Bhagwat Pd & Chaganlal. They expressed that meeting will be held on Sunday evening in which a Committee will be appointed to decide the matter. I was asked to be a member of the said Committee. I consented in case if Khushalchand himself would also be member. Khushalchand prepared a draft resolution to be put up before the meeting & 5 persons were selected to be as members of the Committee namely I, Khushalchand, Kalidas pleader MLA Dubey Jr Secretary T.C.C. & Bhagwat Pd. Then I left the place. Public meeting was held in the night from 8 to 10 PM in which speeches were made by me, Kalidas, Shankar Rao Appaji Rao, Bhagwat Pd. etc. The audience was about 8 to 1000.

A Resolution to the effect that the disrespect of the National Flag was the disHonour of the country which could not tolerated and the proprietor must explain his position in respect of the lowering down of the Flag on this building and if he will not express his regret Satya grahs will be launched at the building which should be started under the direction of the said Committee & so long the position is not cleared this Cinema must be boycotted by the general public. Resolution was passed. Some 25 persons gave their names also to participate in the Satya grahs. Meeting was ended. The charge on the proprietor is of lowering down the National Flag at the building of the Gayety Talkies and for the purpose that a meeting of the RSSS was held in the hall of the Cinema on the lowering of 17/8/47 and that it was lowered at the time of the RSSS meeting. I had seen on 15/8/47 that the Flag was flying there. I had also attended the meeting of the RSSS which was held from 6 AM to 8 AM I had come out after the meeting was dispersed. That time I did not think about the Flag & hence I cannot say after was the flying or not. The meeting was attended by about 700 persons. Besides me there were other Congress men who had attended the meeting as invitees. I was also one of the invitees. I know Dada, the proprietor of the Gayety Talkies that he is all along a Congress man since 1930. Since 1932 to the last Municipal Elections which were held in April 47, there were

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district 2 groups of the Congress leaders one headed by Khurshed Chas & the other headed by me. We came together shortly to fight the last M. Elections on Congress tickets. Khurshed Chas & his followers are giving much trouble & are not to have only Baroda alone but to obstruct me as well to lower me in the eyes of the general public for winning next elections of Congress Committee which are due. There are so many reasons that this party of Khurshed Chas have to take up this matter.

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पोरबंदर

जनाब आपश्री मुधरा जंक्शन रानीगढ़ हांसी मुकाम में जनाब सैय्यदहसनभाई केवडावाला ओनर मोहनलाल ट्रेडींग कम्पनी पर इनकमटेक्स की रेड पडी है

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Syed Ishaq S/o Syed Yusuf Ali, Fuel Contractor and Charcoal Timber & Coal Contractor aged 45 Years :-

On 17/8/47 at about 5.45 AM I came out of my house after prayers (Morning Namaz). I saw some people collecting in the Jagat Talkies Hall. I, thereafter walked down some paces further when I saw that a man sporting an black pant and white shirt pulled down the National Flag that was flying over the building of the Jagat Talkies. I could not recognise that man as I saw him from a distance of about 100 paces. My house from Jagat Talkies is at a distance of about 250 paces-hardly. I do not know anything more, except that it was the property of the Maha Sabha.

Ishaq DYSP

Chanda.

Interpreted & admitted by the Counsel

Ishaq DYSP

Chanda.

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Mohan Lal Phool Chand Jugalia Marwadi aged 21 years of Chanda:—

I am a news paper agent. On 17/8/47, as usual I came out of my house at about 5.30 A.M. to go to the Railway Station to collect the Hindu paper. My house is in Ambedkar Line Kotwali. Ambulla. While I was on my way to the Railway Station on cycle I saw in the Jagat Talkies building some people collecting in the Hall—there as there was a meeting of RSSS to be convened. From the road in front of Jagat Talkies—I saw that 2 persons whom I could not recognise were lowering down the National Flag which was flying over the buildings of the Jagat Talkies one of those two persons — was wearing a black pant and a white half-shirt. The other one was not properly visible as it was early morning Time. I think that those 2 persons were the members of the RSSS I could not see anything more as I did not stay there. After 45 minutes or so when I returned back to my place, I had again passed the same way and then also I saw that the National Flag over the Jagat Talkies was not flying

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Chanda.

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Chanda.

21/8/47

आमच्या परमपवित्र —

राष्ट्रीय झेंड्याचा अपमान !

बंधू भगिनिनों !

ता॰ १७ आगष्ट १९४७ रोजीं सकाळीं येथील नवीनच बांधलेल्या " जयंत टॉकीज मध्यें राष्ट्रीय स्वयंसेवक संघाचे विद्यमानें कार्यक्रम ठेवण्यांत आला होता. त्या-वेळेस त्या टॉकीजवर असलेला राष्ट्रीय झेंडा खालीं पाडण्यांत आला. हा प्रकार पाहून त्या टॉकीजमध्यें नौकर असलेल्या कॉंग्रेस रेषा दलाचा एक स्वयंसेवक श्री. बाळकृष्ण आगलावे हा पुनः ध्वज वर करण्याकरितां तिथें धावला पण त्यासहि धक्के मारून हाकलून लावण्यात आलें, व त्यानंतर श्री. आगलावे यांस नौकरीवरून काढण्यांत आलें पण जनतेत असंतोष पाहून पुनः नौकरीवर ठेवण्यांत आले आहे

ज्या ध्वजाकरितां आम्हीं इंग्रज साम्राज्यशाहीशींसुद्धां झगडलो त्याचा अपमान आम्हीं निमूटपणें सहन करूं काय ? हें कदापि होणार नाहीं. आम्हीं आपल्या या ध्वजाचा अपमान सहन करणार नाहीं.

या प्रकारचा विचार करण्याकरितां सोमवार ता. १८ आगष्ट रोजी सायंकाळी ७ वाजतां गांधी चौकांत (पाऊस आल्यास नेताजी नगरभवन) जाहीर सभा होईल सर्वांनीं हजर राहून आमच्याशीं सहकार्य करावें.

जे. डी. मोगरे	भगवती प्रसाद मिश्रा	नि. ल. दिवाणजी	रा. र. अंबटकर
उत्तमचंद पुगलिया	शं. ना आप्पलवार	ल. कृ वासेकर	वकील
छगनलाल खजांची	मोहनलाल बलाज	गंगाधर कालेंकर	
गजानन आकेवार	बापूराव वानखेडे	कांत कुलकर्णी	

जाहीर निवेदन

जयंत बोलपट गृहावरील राष्ट्रीय ध्वजाचा आमचे कडून अपमान करण्यांत आला असा कांही लोकांकडून गैरसमज करण्यांत येत आहे. त्या बाबतींत मी आपले कडून खुलासा करणे आवश्यक आहे.

मी स्वतः फार उच्च दर्जाचा कांग्रेसमन नसलो तरी गेल्या पंधरा वर्षापासून मी आपल्या शक्तिनुसार कांग्रेसची सेवा करीत आहे मला राष्ट्रीय ध्वजाबद्दल नितांत आदर असून. आज पर्यंत मी राष्ट्रीय निशाणा शिवाय इतर निशाण आपल्या घरावर, थिएटरावर किंवा गाडीवर वापरले नाही.

गेल्या ९ तारखेस माझ्या नवीन जयंत बोलपट गृहाचा उद्घाटन समारंभ होण्यापूर्वी यथील एक निष्ठावंत कांग्रेसमन श्री. म प्र. घाटे यांचे हस्ते नवे राष्ट्रीय निशाण बोलपट गृहावर फडकविले. व त्या ध्वजाबद्दल आदर व्यक्त केला. तसेंच १५ तारखेच्या विजय दिवशी सुद्धां बोलपट गृहासमोर दरवाजे तयार करून व बोलपट गृहावर यथा शक्ती दिव्यांची रोषनाई केली

ता. १६ ला राष्ट्रीय स्वयंसेवक संघाच्या कार्यक्रमाकरितां संघ चालकांनी मला बोलपट गृह मागितले त्यांनी निशाणाबद्दल कोणतीही अडचण किंवा विरोध दाखविला नाहीं ता. १६ ला रात्रीं जोराचा वारा सुटल्यामुळें ध्वजाचा खांब जोरांनी हलु लागला. व त्यामुळें खांब पडू नये म्हणून त्या दिवशीं अनायसेच हजर असलेले, श्री म प्र. घाटे यांचे हस्ते ते निशाण खाली उतरवून खाबांचा बांधून ठेवले असे करण्यात दुसऱ्या दिवशीं, झालेल्या संघाच्या कार्यक्रमाशी कांहींही संबंध नव्हता.

दुसरे दिवशीं म्हणजें ता. १७ ला सकाळीं राष्ट्रीयस्वयंसेवक संघाचा कार्यक्रम बोलपट गृहांत झाला व त्यांनी त्यांचें भगवे निशाण तात्पुर्ते स्टेजवर लावले होतें या समारंभास आपलें येथिल तालुका कांग्रेस कमेटीचे अध्यक्ष रे, म जगदीशराव साळवे व नगराध्यक्ष श्री, बाबूराव पोटदुखे हजर होते कोणीहीं बोलपट गृहावरील ध्वजाबद्दल विरोध केला नाहीं,

अशी वस्तुस्थिती असतांना कांहीं देश भक्तानी राष्ट्रीय निशानाला मी. ता. १७ ला सकाळी रा. स्व संघाचा कार्यक्रमाकरितां खालीं उतरविलें असा गैर समज करून शहरांत वादळ उत्पन्न केलें आहे, मी आज ब्रह्मपुरी वरून परत आल्यावर मला जेव्हां हा सर्व प्रकार कळला त्यामुळें अत्यंत खेद झाला, व शहरांतील नागरीकांचा जो गैर समज करून दिला त्या बद्दल ही दिलगीरी वाटली, मला पूर्ण आशा आहे, कीं शहरांतील आमचें नागरिक असला कोणताही गैर समज करून घेणार नाहींत, इतकेच नव्हे तर राष्ट्रीय नीशाणाचा माझें कडून जाणतां वा अजाणतां कधीही अपमान होणार नाही, व इतर कोणी केला तर तो मी कधीच सहन करणार नाहीं व माझें समोर जर कोणी राष्ट्रीय ध्वजांचा अपमान केला तर त्याच्या प्रतिकारार्थ मीही आपल्या बरोबरीनें तनमन धनानें हजर होईन, असें मी आपणास आश्वासन देतो,

चांदा

ता १९-८-१९४७

आपला नम्र

दादा मामीडवार

गं. छापखाना चांदा

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जाहीर सुचना

जयंत बोलपट गृहा वरील राष्ट्रध्वजाचे संबंधी तालुका काँग्रेस चौकशी व्हावी अशी श्री. भगवती प्रसाद यानीं मागणी हे व त्या पत्राची नकल श्री. दादाजी सामीडवार यांचे- न त्याचा खुलासाही तालुक्याकडे आला आहे. या प्रकरणाची ाही हाती घेतली आहे. व त्याचा निर्णय लवकरच जनते- आहे. तरी जनतेनी शांतता राखावी अशी सुचना आहे.

आपला

८।४७ जगदीश साळवे

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जाहीर-निवेदन

श्री० दादाजी मामीडवार यांच्या ' जयंत टॉकीज मध्यें १७-८-४७ रोजीं पहाटेस टॉकीज वरील तिरंगी राष्ट्रीय निशाण काढून त्याऐवजीं राष्ट्रीय संघाच्या रॅली प्रसंगीं भगवे निशाण चढविले अशी गांवांत पसरलेली अफवा माझ्या कानी येतांच, राष्ट्रीय तिरंगी ध्वजाचा झालेला अपमान सहन न होऊन प्रतिकार करण्यासाठीं मी जयंत टॉकीज मध्यें गेलो पण तेथे गेल्यावर मला एकंदर खरा प्रकार कळला व पराचा कावळा कसा करण्यांत आला याचें मला आश्चर्य वाटलें. मी गेलो त्यावेळीं राष्ट्रीयध्वज फडकत होता. नंतर मी चौकशी केली तेव्हां पुराव्यानिशीं माझ्यापुढें निवेदन करण्यांत आले. कीं आदले दिवशी म्हणजे ता. १६ ला रात्रौ जोराचा वारा असल्यामुळें झेंडा वाऱ्याने सपाटून फडकूं लागला व ध्वजस्तंभ हालू लागला. तो स्तंभ जास्त हेलकाव्याने पडेल या भारतीने त्याचवेळीं म्हणजे ८-८॥ चे सुमारास तिरंगी ध्वज उतरविण्यांत आला. मी जयंत टॉकीजमध्यें बसून असतांच जयंत टॉकीज मधील एक नौकर बाळकृष्ण कासार तेथें आला व सांगू लागला कीं, " भगवतीप्रसादनें संघाच्या रॅली प्रसंगीं संघवाल्यानी तिरंगी निशाण खालीं उतरविलें असे माझ्याकडून (बाळकृष्णा कडून) लिहून घेतले " त्याचवेळीं टाकीजचे मॅनेजर श्री. हळदुलकर यांनी बाळकृष्णास विचारलें " झेंडा केव्हां काढला आणि कोणी काढला हें तूं स्वतः डोळ्यानें पाहिलेस काय ?" तेव्हा तो उत्तरला " मी स्वतः पाहिले नाहीं " नंतर मी त्याला कांहीं प्रश्न विचारले त्या प्रश्नांची उत्तरे वजा विधान खालील प्रमाणें त्यानें केलें " रॅलीच्या प्रसंगी कांग्रेसवर एका जबाबदार संघ अधिकाऱ्याने टीका केली. त्यांना उत्तर देण्यांसाठीं मी त्यांना परवानगी मागितली पण ती मिळाली नाहीं. मी राष्ट्रध्वज चढविण्याचा प्रयत्न केला नाहीं व मला कोणीही धक्के दिले नाहींत भगवा झेंडा फक्त सभेच्या ठिकाणीच होता " हा कबूली जबाब त्याने १०-१२ लोकांसमोर दिला.

हे प्रकरण जास्त वाढणार नाहीं असें मला वाटलें, कारण खरी वस्तुस्थिति समजावून सांगण्याचा प्रयत्न चालूच होता. पण कांहीं कांग्रेस निष्ठ मंडळीच्या सह्या निशी निघालेल्या जाहीर पत्रकान्वयें निषेधाची सभा होणार असें जाहीर झाले. ज्यांनीं पत्रकावर सह्या केल्या त्यांतील कांहीं मंडळींशी केलेल्या चर्चेत माझी प्रथम जशी दिशाभूल झाली तशीच त्यांचीही दिशाभूल झाल्याचें कळले,

संघाच्या रॅली प्रसंगी श्री जगदीशराव साळवे व म्यु. अध्यक्ष बाबूराव पोटदुखे हजर होते राष्ट्रध्वजाचा अपमान होऊनही ते सहन करतील अशी कल्पना तरी करतां येईल काय ?-श्री. दादाजी मामीडवार हे कांग्रेसनिष्ठ आहेत हे त्यांच्या आजपर्यंतच्या वृतीवरून दिसूं शकते. राष्ट्रीय स्वातंत्र्य दिनांत त्यांचे स्वयंस्पूर्त सहकार्य टॉकीजच्या उद्घाटन प्रसंगी टॉकीजवर तिरंगी निशाण फडकविणें, याशिवाय सार्वजनिक कार्यक्रमास आर्थिक सहकार्य या गोष्टी त्यांच्या निष्ठेचा पुरावा देण्यास पुरेशा आहेत. ते हा राष्ट्रध्वजाचा अपमान सहन करु शकत नाहींत. खऱ्या प्रकाराची शांततेने चौकशी न करतां भावनावश होऊन आग पाखडण्यांत आली. भर सभेत तोंड सोडून माणुसकीला न शोभेल असे शब्द उच्चारले व सत्याग्रहाची घोषणा करण्यांत आली

श्री. दादाजी मामीडवार यांनी पत्रक काढून खरा प्रकार काय तो प्रसिद्ध केला व इतके असूनही जनतेने गैरसमजूतीने पसरलेल्या असंतोषाबद्दल त्यानीं दिलगिरी पण व्यक्त केली आहे.

माझी जनतेला एकच नम्र सूचना आहे कीं, ज्याला खुलासा पाहिजे आहे त्याने भावनावश न होता शांत चित्तानें श्री. दादाजी मामीडवार यांना भेटावे. माझी खात्री आहे कीं त्यांची सत्य मनो देवता तुमचे समाधान करूं शकेल. आवेश पूर्ण व भावनापूर्ण व्यासपीठावरील व्याख्यानानें भारलेल्या मनांचे समाधान करणेंच कठीण !

जाहीर खुलासा या पत्राकान्वये मी करीत आहे. जनतेनें शांत चितानें विचार करावा ही विनंती.

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आपला एक कांग्रेस सेवक

व्ही. ए. पाटील चांदा

चांदा छापखाना

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महाशय

जयंत कोलपाचरील राष्ट्रीय ध्वजाचे प्रकरणात कुरण्यात आलेल्या तक्रारी संबंधत श्री. भगवतीप्रसाद वैगेरेच्या सहीचे पत्र आपण मजकुडे पाठवून या बाबत माझी बाजू समजावून घेण्याचा प्रयत्न केलेला आहे त्या बद्दल मी आपला अत्यंत आभारी आहे.

ध्वजाचे बाबतीत सत्य आहे काय आहे या बाबत मी एक जाहिर निवेदन ता. १६-८-४७ ला प्रसिद्ध केले आहे व त्या ची एक प्रत या सोबत पुन्हा आपले माहिती करिता जोडली आहे. आपण जनतेचे विश्वस्त आहात म्हणून मला पुन्हा एकदा असे आश्वासन देणे आहे की माझ्या प्रजातीत अंधार न आधार हे सत्य आहे न आपण म्हणाल ते दिव्य करून माझ्या सत्यते ची साक्ष द्यावयास मी तयार आहे

या प्रकरणाचे वाढी ची राष्ट्रध्वज प्रेमा पेक्षा व्यक्ती द्वेशाच्या सूडा ची च भावना अधिकी असे दिसते

हे प्रकरण निष्कामन काढण्यात जी घिसाड घाई करण्यात आली व एक पक्षी एका वेजबाबदार माणसाच्या विधाना वरून झाल्या प्रकाराची गांभीर्य काय आहे हे समजावून न घेता एकदम जातीय समेत राष्ट्रीय ध्वजा सारख्या अत्यंत नाजूक अशा मानबिंदू वर लोकमत प्रक्षुब्ध करण्याचा जो प्रयत्न करण्यात आला त्या प्रकार बोलता व्यथित व्हायला होते. हे च्या मागे अजून समजावे नाही. जगातील अनेक राष्ट्रांत सुद्धा आपापली नाजूक माणण्याचा पूर्ण हक्क त. राष्ट्री देशात सुद्धा आपापली नाजूक माणण्याचा पूर्ण हक्क दिला जावो पण त्या प्रकरणात कुरण्या पक्षाची काय बाजू आहे त्याची यत किंचीतही तमा न बाळगता राष्ट्रध्वजा चा कुठे पुस्सर अपमान करण्यात आला असा भ्रम निर्माण करून न लोकमत प्रक्षुब्ध करून अशा स्वयंघोषित जनते कडून बहिष्कार, सूड, सत्याग्रह या सारखे निकामी मार्ग निवडा करण्यात आला ही न्याय पद्धती काँग्रेस सारख्या रामराज्या ची घोषणा करणाऱ्या संस्थेचा राजकारणि कितपत शोभते दिसते त्याचा आपण विचार करावा असेही माझी बाजू आपले दिसणे त्याचा आपण विचार करावा असेही माझी बाजू आपले समोर मांडू देण्या ची ही जी संधी दिली त्या बद्दल मी आपल्या अत्यंत आभारी आहे

प्रक्षुब्ध अशा मन स्थितीत अत्यंत अशा वाईट वेजाबदार कार्यकर्त्यां च्या आपणाने जनते ची जर माझे वीरुद्धार गुन्हेगार किंवा माझे वर राष्ट्रध्वजाचे अपमाना बद्दल सूड म्हणून हल्ला केला असता तर हे प्रकरण कोणते थराला गेले असते त्या ची आपण च करून नाही केले

राहुल [illegible] जाणे अजून ही हे समजत नाही की हिंदी राष्ट्र ध्वजाचे रंगाचे आणि त्यांचा क्रम कोणते स्वातंत्र्य हे कुणी कसले विशिष्ट लोकांच्या च मालकी चे च आहे काय?

की हया राज्यात सर्व नागरिकांना आपले लिखीत मालमत्ता सुरक्षित ठेवण्याचा व त्याचा मागण्याचा अधिकार आहे मला आपल्याला अशी नम्र विनंती करावयाची आहे की शहरामध्ये जातीवार वेगवेगळी राष्ट्राचा गुण गौरव समजल्या जाणाऱ्या राष्ट्रध्वजाचा सुद्धा पुरता अपमान होत असा गैर समज असलेल्या दुष्ट निंद्य हेतुने पसरविला आहे तो आपण जातीने लक्ष देऊन दूर करण्याचा प्रयत्न करावा अशी नम्र विनंती आहे.

वरील निवेदनाची आपण समाधान होईल अशी मला पूर्ण आशा आहे व या विषयी आपल्याला विशेष खुलासा हवा असल्यास मी तो आपले जबाब जनते समोर सादर करण्यात देखील तयार आहे

कळावे जयहिंद

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जाहीर खुलासा

जयंत बोलपट गृहावरील राष्ट्रध्वजा संबंधी चौकशी केली. सांत असे आढळून आले की राष्ट्रध्वजाचा कोणीही जाणून बुजून अपमान केला नाही.

ता० १६-८-४७ ला रात्रौं जोराचा वारा व पाऊस असल्यामुळे जयंत बोलपटगृहाचे मालक श्री० दादाजी मामीडवार यांनी झेंडा खाली करुन खांबाला बांधून ठेवण्यास सांगितले. ता १७-८-४७ रोजीं सकाळीं याच बोलपट गृहात राष्ट्रीय स्वयंसेवक संघाचा कार्यक्रम झाला व बोलपट गृहावर झेंडा फडकत दिसत नव्हता म्हणून कांहीं लोकांनीं झेंड्याचा अपमान केला असा आक्षेप घेतला पण चौकशी अंती राष्ट्रध्वजाचा अपमान करण्याचे दृष्टीनें कांहीं प्रकार घडला नाहीं असें आढळून आलें.

तरी जनतेनीं या बाबतींत कोणताही गैरसमज होउ देउं नये. सर्व कांग्रेस कार्यकर्ते आणि कॉंग्रेस प्रेमी जनतेनी कोणत्याही प्रसंगी आप आपलीं जबाबदारी सांभाळून व संयम राखून वागावे, अशी विनंती आहे.

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Report.

CHANDA.
Dated:- 4/9/47.

The facts of the case in brief are that Wishwenath Mamidwar of Chanda is the proprietor of the Silochana and the Jayant Talkies at Chanda. The new talkies named'JAYANT TALKIES' were opened on the 9th of August 1947, the 'QUIT INDIA DAY' and the opening ceremony was performed at the hands of LOK GPANI BAWA SAHAB DESHMUKH of Chanda, who is the City Father, formerly and Congressite and now a Hindu Mahasbhaite. Prior to the opening ceremony the celebration of the hoisting of the NATIONAL FLAG over the building of the JAYANT TALKIES was done at the hands of one Manohar Parbhakar Ghate, a staunch Congress worker and Manager of the COOPERATI-VE STORES Chanda.

A meeting of the R.S.S.S. Chanda in which other people were also invited was held in the Cinema Hall of the JAYANT TALKIES on the morning of 17/8/47 between 6 A.M. and 8 A.M.

It is alleged that the NATINAL FLAG over this building was lowered down particularly for the said meeting and was again hoisted soon after the said meeting was over and the Flag is still flying as before. A charge has , therefore, been brought on the Jayant Talkies 'FOR INSULTING THE NATIONAL FLAG.'

In this connection DADA MAMIDWAR has explained through a handbill dated 19/8/47, that on the night of 16/8/47 due to gust of wi-nds the ~~of the~~ Flag began much shaking and bending and thinking that the pole may not come out the Flag was lowered with the help of Manohar Parbhakar Ghate and was tied to the pole, and that it has no connection , whatsoever, with the function of the R.S.S.S. The R.S.S.S. had their own Bhagwa small flag which they had pitched on the stage for the period of the metting only which was held on the morning of 17/8/47 and was also attended by Mr. Jagdis Balaji Salve, President of the Taluqa Congress Committee and Mr. Babu Rao Potdukhe, President of the M.C. CHANDA and nothing particularly was spoken against the National Flag. Dada has further said that the National Flag was again hoisted the next morning at about 8 or 8.30 A.M. The Flag is still flying and will be always flying on his buildings, theaters and car as usual. That some misunderstanding has been caused in the minds of some congress men who are of his opposite camp and that pamphlets have hence been published and distributed inorder to remove the misunderstanding. That the National Flag is on the third story whereno member of the R.S.S.S. had any access to go, as it is a private place and R.S.S.S. was lent only the hall, the balkony and the stage. Dada has further expressed that he himself is a congress man all in all and has always been helping the Congress since 1930, has a great love , respect and reverence for the National Flag and can never tolerate its insult.

Manohar Parbhakar Ghate supports the story of DADA fully.

Balkrishana Naran Rao @ Bhatji Kasar an exservant of Dada maintain-s that on 17/8/47, when he was in service of Dada had seen in the morning of that date that somebody pulled down the National Flag over the building of JAYANT TALKIES whom he could not recognise but he was wearing a black pent and a white shirt. Balkrishana had gone in where the RSSS people had gathered in the hall. He found his master Dada arranging chairs for them and Balkrishana also assisted Dada in doing so. Then his master left for the Railway Station to go to Brahampuri. Balkrishna wanted to go up to hoist the National Flag but was not allowed to go up by the RSSS volunteers and was subsequently turned out. But says Balkrishana that he managed to sit in a chair in the hall and remained there till the meeting was over. Balkrishna further states that during the course of the me ting he requested the President Mr. Bhagwat Pleader to allow him to speak in the meeting for 2 minutes but invain. He had then seen that Mr. Jagdis Rao Salve and Mr. Babu Rao Potdukhe, the Presidents of the T.C.C. and the M.C. Chanda were also in the meet-ing. After the meeting was over he had gone to the Congress Office and finding none there he went up the second story in the Libra-ry where he disclosed the Flag incident to one Madherao, the Keep-er of the Library. While on his way home he saw Bhagwati Pd.Mish-ra,Chagan Lal s/o Mr. Khushal Chand Khazanchi and Uttam s/o Seth

Rajmal Marwadi sitting at the shop of Rajmal and told them also all what had happened at the Cinema building of the JAYANT TALKIES.

Bhagwati Pd., Chagan Lal and Uttam were already thinking over the matter and drafted a report which was signed by Bhagwati Pd., Chagan Lal and Chand Khan to the address of the President T.C.C. The contents were that the National Flag at the Jyant Talkies was dishonoured and the matter needs be taken up. Meanwhile, Balkrishana had also come to them and they obtained his information in writing from him. It is then that Bhagwati Pd. and Chagan Lal Khazanchi sent telegrams to the Premier and the President of the Congress Nagpur. Soon after the RSSS meeting terminated Bhagwati Pd. Mishra had personally gone to the building of the Jayant Talkies and had seen with his own eyes that the National Flag was lying at the base of the Pole which was seen flying on the previous [redacted] ing by him. [redacted]

Prior to the public meeting which was held on the night of 18/8/47 in Gandhi Chawk, Dada had sent for Bhagwati Pd. Mishra and had sought his advice to satisfy the public opinion about the Flag incident. At the instance of Dada Mamidwar Bhagwati Pd. prepared a draft to the effect that whatever had happened, happened in his absence. He had served the Congress and would never endure the disrespect to the National flag and greatly regretted over what had happened at his building. The draft was not signed by Dada as per advice of Janardhan Pandurang Duwadshiwar, Manager of the Citizen Bank Chanda.

At about 9.30 A.M. on 17/8/47, Bhagwati Pd. had met Mr. Jagdish rao Salve in this connection and asked him to call a meeting of the T.C.C. in which the matther must be taken up. Bhagwati Pd. was told by Mr. Salve to put in an application for that. Bhagwati Pd. again met Mr. Salve and asked him to sign a paper to attend a public meeting which was going to be convened in Gandhi Chawk on the night of 18/8/47. But Mr. Salve did not sign it saying that there was no necessasity to obtain his signature, as it was already signed by 7 or 8 persons and that being the President of the T.C.C. he would attend the meeting. Mr. Salve was also called by Seth Khushal Chand at about 9.30 A.M. on 18/8/47 and he went to his residence at about 10.15 A.M. Seth Khushal Chand asked Mr. Salve as to what should be done in respect of the Flag incident at the Jayant Talkies and expressed to him that Bhagwati Pd. Mishra and his own son Chagan Lal etc., the youths were very keen and wanted some action to be taken against the defaulter. Mr. Salve told Seth Ji that Dada Mamidwar was absent towards Brahampuri and prior to take any step in this case it would be better to consult him. Seth Ji said it was not necessary and a public meeting must be called. Mr. Salve told him that they could do what they liked. Meanwhile, there arrived Bhagwati Pd. and Chagan Lal and both expressed that a public meeting will be held the following evening and a committee will be appointed to decide the matter. Mr. Salve was asked to be a member of the said Committee. He said he had no objection to be a member provided Seth Khushalchand himself became a member of it. Seth Khushalchand agreed and Mr. Salve also consented. Then Seth Khushal Chand prepared the draft resolution to be passed at the meeting, and Seth Khushal Chand Khazanchi, Mr. Kathade Pleader, M.L.A., Nilkanth Diwanji, Secretary of the T.C.C., Mr. Salve and Bhagwati Pd. were elected to be the members of the said Committee. A resolution to the effect that the dishonour of the National Flag was the dishonour of the country which could not be tolerated and the proprietor must explain his position regarding the pulling down of the National Flag at his building and if he will not express his regret Satya-graha will be launched at the Cinema building under the direction of the said Committee and so long the position is not cleared his both Cinemas shall be boycotted. The resolution was put before the public meeting on the night of 18/8/47 which was attended by about 10000 persons and was unannimously passed. Some 25 persons gave their names also to participate in the Satya-graha.

Mr. Salve had attended the meeting of the R.S.S.S. on 17/8/47 as an invitee. It was also attended by many Congrss-men and other people who were invited by the Sangh.

The version of Balkrishana is also supported by Syed Ishaq Contractor and Mohan Lal Pugalia Marwadi News Paper Agent in as much as that they

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had also seen at about 5.30 A.M. on the morning of 17/8/47 that the NATIONAL FLAG flying over the JAYANT TALKIES was lowered down by a person who was putting on a black pent and a white shirt but they are also unable to identify him.

Thus it is a fact that the National Flag over the Jayant Talkies was pulled down but the version is conflicting about the time. DADA and MANOHAR GHATE maintain that the Flag was lowered on the night of 16/8/47 at about 9 P.M. due to hard winds and storm while Balkrishna, Syed Ishaq and Mo[illegible]al affirm that it was lowered down in the morning of 17/8/47. Any way, DADA, the proprietor of the Jayant Talkies is fully associated with this and for the matter of that he is responsible for this UNFORTUNATE incident. From the demeanour of Balkrishana while recording his statement I could safely make out that he is not the sort of person who can be convincingly relied upon and so is the case with the other 2 witnesses who have given out the time of incident as 5.30 A.M. exactly which does not coincide with the time mentioned by Balkrishna in his statement, which comes to 6 or 6.30 A.M. It is most surprising that Balkrishna went to the Congress Office to make a complaint as he has stated in his statement but he made no complaint of any kind to the President of the Taluka Congress Committee or the President of the Municipal Committee or to the Station Officer or to the Magistrate who had attended the R.S.S.S. meeting and were present at the Jayant Talkies.

My enquiries go to show that Dada Mamidwar, the Proprietor of the Jayant Talkies is all in all a staunch Congress-Man since 1930. From 1932 right to the last Municipal Elections which were held in April 1947, there were distinctly two groups of the Congress at Chanda, one being headed by Seth Khushal Chand Khazanchi while the other by Mr. Jagdish Rao Salve, say of Pardesies and Maharashtrans. They came together simply to fight the last Municipal Elections. It will not be out of place to mention here that Seth Khushal Chand and his groupmen gave much importance to this issue not to harm only Dada Mamidwar but to down Mr. Salve as well in the eyes of the general public for winning the next elections of the Taluka Congress Committee which are long due. It is also said that the parties may come to compromise sooner or later.

The green pamhlet dated 22/8/47 issued by Mr. V.A. Patel of Chanda, a copy of which is enclosed, is worthy of perusal as it has fully discredited the version of Balkrishana.

The matter has also been enquired into by the Congress Committee and a Hand-Bill published under the signature of Mr. Jagdish Salve, President of the Taluka Congress Committee Chanda dated 2/9/47 shows that the National Flag over the building of the Jayant Talkies Chanda was pulled down at the instance of Dada Mamdwar, Owner of the said Talkies on account of heavy storm and rain showers etc. The flag was not seen flying on the morning of 17/8/47 and a meeting of the R.S.S.S. was held there on the same morning and as such some people suspected that the Flag was insulted but the enquiry has revealed that the Flag was never lowered with the intention of insulting it. Therefore, the public should not be misguided in any way and hence it is requested that the Congress-minded public, Congress workers and Congress sympathisers should do any thing on any occasion realising their own responsibility.

I may also point out that Dada has also fully expressed his position to the President of the Taluka Congress Committe in hid letter dated 23/8/47 which he had addressed to the President explaining that he did never mean any insult to the Flag. A copy of the said letter is also attached herewith.

I, therefore, come to the conclusion that in lowering the Flag under the circumstances Dada Mamidwar did mean no insult to the Flag and as such no further action is called for in this matter of unfortunate incident, nor it would be advisable.

I could not get any other respectable witness to support

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the version of Balkrishana so far nor it is expected that any one would ~~xxxx~~ be available as majority of the public consider the version of Dada to be true.

Forwarded to the D.S.P. CHANDA for favour of information.

4/9/47.

Dated:- 4/9/47. Dy.S.P. CHANDA.

No.Q/St.R.-17
5th Septbr.'47.

Forwarded the whole record of the case, in original to the Deputy Commissioner, Chanda for favour of perusal.

5-9-47

D.S.Police, Chanda.

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Regr.No.412/Con.d/15-9-47.

Portfolio of
H.M.H.

Endt.No.484/ST,dated the 12th Septr,1947,from the Deputy Commissioner Wardha.

Alleged insult to National Flag at Talegaon.

Please see extract from the F.N.R.for the second half of August 1947.In view of the D.C's report no action is called for.

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16.9.47

Ch.Secy.

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Extract paragraph 7 from confidential fortnightly report for the second half of August 1947 from the Deputy Commissioner, Wardha received with endorsement No. 448/ST, dated the 27th August, 1947.

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7. GENERAL : A report has been received to the ffect that the R.S. Sangh volunteers dishonoured the National Flag hoisted on the house of patwari of Talegaon Tala Tule (Wardha tahsil) on the 15th August. The patwari is a Muslim. I have asked the District Superintendent of Police to take immediate steps for investigation, and bring the culprits to book.

D.O. No. 483 Wardha, the 12th September, 1947

Dear Mr. Bambawale,

Will you kindly refer to paragraph 7 of my confidential fortnightly report for the fortnight ending the 25th August, 1947, regarding alleged insult to the National Flag at Talegaon? I have now received a police report in this connection, a copy of which is enclosed. It is clear from this investi-gation that the allegation of the patwari is baseless It appears that an attempt has been made by the patwari to concoct a case against those with whom he was not on good terms, and bring them into trouble. The patwari, as a Government servant, should not have played such a dirty game, and I am taking necessary action against him.

OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCES & BERAR
Regr. No. 412-Con
Date 15.9.1947
CONFIDENTIAL

Enels.- as above)

Yours sincerely,
Sd: K.M. Dastur,

B.A. Bambawale, Esquire, ICS.,
Commissioner,
Nagpur Division, Nagpur.

R(con) Nagpur

Endt no. 484 /ST dated the 12th Septr., 1947

Copy, with a copy of enclosures, forwarded to P.S. Rau, Esquire, ICS., Chief Secretary to Government, Central Provinces and Berar, Nagpur, for information, with reference to my demi official endorsement no. 448/ST, dated the 27th August, 1947.

K.M. Dastur

Encls.- as above) Deputy Commissioner, Wardha

Copy of confidential memorandum no. R/230-B, dated the 8th September, 1947, from the District Superintendent of Police, Wardha.

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Ref: Your d.o. no. 446/ST, dated 25th August, 1947, about dishonouring the National Flag at Talegaon during the 15th August celebrations.

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Though the complaint did not fall exactly under any cognizable offence, however, I got an offence registered under section 153 IPC and ordered thorough investigation S.I. Wardha investigated it and submitted his report dated 2/9/47. I further ordered C.I. Wardha to look into this case on the spot himself. He also looked the case at the spot. I herewith submit the copy of the report of S.I. and C.I. for your perusal. This will show that in order to take revenge against Dewanji Khati with whom the patwari is not keeping good relations, he thought of taking the advantage of the occasion and made this report.

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D.S.P. Wardha,

Sir,

On receipt of the report of Mr. S-S. Watkhede, president village congress committee, Talegaon (Talatule) through the D.C. and D.S. Police, I went to the spot, registered crime no. 310/153 IPC and investigated it. The investigation disclosed that the allegations of patwari Bashiruddin against Waman Khati aged about 12 years and Chintaman Bhoi aged about 15 years of Talegaon Talatule that on 16/8/47 at about 12 p.m. they threw dirt and filth on the National ~~Flag~~ Paper Flag and tore it away, were found false and baseless. The patwari being Muslim saw good an opportunity to take fevenge from Dewaji Khati, the father of Waman(his old opponent), made such complaint against his son and others.

The patwari seems to be a very clever man. He has kept his daughter Umraobi agaed about 8 years and his wife Riyasatbi in his defence. He says that this daughter saw Waman and Chintaman while throwing dirt and filth and tearing the paper national flag on 16/8/47 which was hoisted in the morning of 15/8/47 and his wife heard the abusive langauge used at the flag. I have questioned both his daughter and his wife. His dahghter simply weeps and does not say anything, but his wife says that she heard the abusive language from her chapri which cannot be believed because her chapri is about 60 paces from the spot and she cannot listen the noise.

I have made enquiries from almost all the people who live nearer than patwari from the spot and from other people but nobody in the basti support the allegations of the patwari against Waman, Chintaman, and Murlidhar. The daughter of patwari who is said to be eye-witness is blind of one eye and the patwari is deaf and he cannot hear even if we talk with great noice. The only reason of making such sort of complaint by the patwari is this that he is enimical term with Dewaji the father of the boy Waman and nothing else. The dirt or filth was not thrown and the flag was not at all torn. The national flag was of paper flag. It must have been flown away by the wind.

Now the situation and the position of the patwari have become worst in the village and the D.M. may kindly be moved to shift him from the village as early as possible.

Submitted through C.I. Wardha.

Sd/- Syed Bahauddin,
S.I. Wardha 2/9/47

Submitted to D.S.P. for favour of information. The allegation put forth by patwari Bashiruddin of village Talegaon is false and baseless.

Sd: B.R. Kadam,
C.I. Wardha, 2/9/47

C.I. Wardha.

Please look into this case yourself at the spot as already asked and then report.

Sd: G.L. Malik,
D.S.P. 4/9/47

D.S.P. Wardha:

Sir,

I looked into this case on the spot on 6/9/47 and found the facts as above.

4 more witnesses were put forth but they denied to have seen the incident.

It appears that the paper national flag was blown away by wind on 16/8/47 and not dishonoured or torn by anybody of the village. Moreover all the public with enthusiasm participated in the ceremonies of 'Independence Day' on 15/8/47.

Sd/- B.R. Kadam, C.I. Wardha,
6/9/47

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Regr.No.3324-V.d/30-8-47.

Portfolio of 5

Endt.on letter No.C/421,dated the 29th August 1947,from I.G.of Police to the Secy.to Govt.Legal Dept.

Flying of the Nizam's flag over private buildings.

Submitted for information.Legal Dept.will take necessary action.Ch.Secy.has seen.

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30.8.47

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No. C /421.

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,
CENTRAL PROVINCES AND BERAR:

Dated the 29th August 1947.

Dear Mr. Pande.

Instances have come to notice when public opinion was considerably perturbed over the flying of either the Pakistan flag or the Nizam's flag over private buildings and buildings belonging to ~~sacred~~ Hindu institutions in this Province. Will you kindly let me know what the constitutional position is and if Police can take any legal action to prevent the flying of these unauthorised flags over such buildings ?

Yours sincerely,

Sd: T.A.Bambawale.

S.A.Pande, Esqr.,
Secretary to Government,
Central Provinces & Berar,
Legal Department.

Copy forwarded to P.S.Rau, Esqr., CIE.,ICS.,, Chief Secretary to Government, C.P. and Berar for information. Some action in this connection is necessary, as our information shows that certain people are determined upon importing the Nizam's flag into this province and are flying them over their houses or private institutions, which have obtained either monetary or other support from H.E.H. the Nizam's Government. One instance has also come to notice in which the India flag was replaced by a Pakistan flag on a Muslim League office.

T. Bambawale
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I.G. of Police,
C.P. and Berar.

dated 23-8-1947

Copy of wireless message from the District Superintendent of Police, Amraoti to the Dy.I.-G.of Police, W.R. Nagpur.

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"MESSAGE FROM S.D.O.P. ELLICHPUR STATE NATIONAL FLAG WAS TAKEN DOWN AT NIGHT IN SIRASGAON AND LEAGUE FLAG SUBSTITUTED STOP FEARING A BREACH OF PEACE S.D.O.P. AND A.D.M. HAVE GONE TO THE SPOT TO TAKE ACTION UNDER SECTION 153 IPC AND 107 C.P.C."

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No. WR/352, dated 25-8-1947.

Copy forwarded to the Chief Secretary to Government Central Provinces and Berar, for information.

Dy.I.-G.of Police, W.R.
for I.-G.of Police, C.P. and Berar.

SECRET.

SPECIAL BRANCH DAILY SUMMARY No.13. dt.5.9.1947.

COMMUNISM.

P. C. Joshi, Bombay, is reported to have written to the C.P. Provincial Branch that, taking advantage of the heppenings in the Punjab vested interest in India and in Pakistan would try to divert public attention from the problems of the day viz., abolition of Zamindari, black-marketing etc and cause communal trouble and a split in the working classes. The party should, therefore, hold mass meetings demanding public enquiry into the riots and try and establish good relations between the two communities and make efforts to liquidate the vested interests.

SOCIALIST PARTY.

It is reported from Buldana that a rally of H.R.A. will be held at Chikhli on the 10th September.

MUSLIM LEAGUE.

The Damoh Muslim League is reported to have decided to represent to Maulana Azad and Mr. Jinnah, against the closure of Urdu schools by the District Council, Damoh.

I. N. A.

It is reported that U.N.Muzumdar of the I.N.A. has presented his demands to the Prime-Minister of India. The demands in brief are, that the I.N.A. should be maintained by the Government on the same footing as the Indian Army but as a separate unit, it should be made the recruiting and training depot for Home Guards, Army, Police and the Secret Services and should be allotted three seats in the Constituent Assembly. It has also been suggested that a meeting of the I.N.A. and Government of India's representatives should take place on 1.10.47.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It is reported that the S .I., Watch and Ward, Itarsi, declined to have the Indian Flag hoisted on his office on the plea that he had received no instructions from the Superintendent, Watch and Ward. As a result of this one of the watchmen went on a hunger strike . He however broke the fast when the S.I. agreed to have the flag hoisted, on the intervention of the President, Itarsi Railwaymen's Union. The report about this incident has been made to the Superintendent, Watch and Ward.

B.M.Shukul
5/9/47.

Assistant I. G. of Police,
S.B.,C.P.& Berar.

Chief Secretary

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Akola WCD d/- 27-9-47.

"218: MISCELLANEOUS:

(c) It is reported that the Union flag flying on bus No.C.P.238 of the Bhuramal Service of Basim was doffed by the Nizam's pickets stationed at Kanergaon."

SECRET.

No. 7/Misc/47

Special Branch, C.P. & Berar.

Nagpur, the 1st October 1947.

Copy forwarded to P.S. Rau, Esq., ICS., Chief Secretary to Government, C.P. and Berar, for information.

Asst: I.-G. of Police,
Special Branch, C.P.& Berar.

NWA.

D.O.No.C/237

D.C's Office,
Jubbulpore
The 22nd Aug.47

My dear Mr. Rege,

This morning a Muslim league flag was seen on the old Town Hall and was subseqnently removed by the Police who are making enquiries to find out the mischief maker. Maulana Burhanul Haq came to me and said that there are certain mischievous persons who want to ~~xxxx~~ blame the Muslim community and who are the cause of such mischief. He said that no respectable Muslim in the city had any hand in this matter.

Yours sincerely,
Kerawalla.

D.V.Rege, Esq. ICS,
Commissioner, Jubb.Dn.

Copy to D.S.P. Jubbulpore for information.
The result of the enquiry may kindly be intimated to me in due course.

Sd.J.D.Kerawalla

Deputy Commissioner,
Jubbulpore

Office of the Commissioner, Jubbulpore division.

No. C/558, dated Jubbulpore, the 25th August 1947.

Forwarded to the Chief Secretary to Government, Central Provinces and Berar, Nagpur, for information. The culprit has not yet been found.

COMMISSIONER,
JUBBULPORE DIVISION.

Copy of memorandum No.Con/460/47, dated the 14th October, 1947, from the District Superintendent of Police, Nagpur to the D.I.-G. of Police, W.R., C.P. and Berar.

Subject:- Hoisting of a Pakistan flag near the M.E.S. Power House at Kamptee.

Reference:- Your memo No.423-A, dated 27th Sept. 1947.

The Pakistan flag, which was hoisted near the M.E.S. Power House, was removed under the orders of the military authorities, and it is now not flying there any longer.

Copy forwarded to District Magistrate, Nagpur, for information with reference to his endorsement No.312/CC., dated 12-9-1947, and this office memorandum No.Con/460/47, dated 13th September, 1947.

Sd/- Hiranand,
Dist. Supdt. of Police,
NAGPUR.

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, NAGPUR.

NO. 406 /CC. Dated Nagpur, the 17th Oct., 1947.

Copy forwarded to Chief Secretary to Government, Central Provinces and Berar/Commissioner, Nagpur Division, Nagpur for information.

District Magistrate,
NAGPUR.

A complaint has been made against a postmaster (Muslim)[x] who did he slight the Indian Union flag, but he also beat a lineman & ~~it~~ was proposed to transfer him immediately. Commissioner Chh. Distr. wants to know what action has been taken in this by Govt. I shd be grateful if the papers could be sent to me by noon on the 15th when shown to Comm who is leaving Nagpur tomorrow evening

(x Guard (Peon?))

Rebruary 1952
Mr Naidu

Pushy
PA to CS
Sent
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Papers are placed below. The report was sent to Govt "for information" & no action was contemplated. The D.C. had addressed the letter to Supdt of Post offices Chhindwara for ~~who authorised to have~~ taking necessary action. This is for the info of Comm Chh No action has been taken.

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PA to Chief.

PA to CS 15/2 Send to Comm.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bilaspur.

D.O.No.80/C.C. Bilaspur: the 27th August 1947.

Dear Mr. Swami,

You most have by this time received memorandum No.1372 dated the 26th August 1947 from the District Superintendent of Police Bilaspur regarding the attitude of Abdul Gaffur Sub Postmaster, Kargi Road in connection with the hoisting of the National Flag on the Post Office building, the celebrations on the occasion of India's Independence Day and his behaviour with the Lineman there. It seems highly desirable that an enquiry should be made into the conduct of the Sub Postmaster immediately and I hope that you will take it up as soon as possible. At the same time it is necessary that the Sub Postmaster should be transferred from Kargi Road soon so as to prevent any further unpleasantness or trouble there.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- Naziruddin.

K.K.Swami, Esquire,
Superintendent of Post Offices,
Chhattisgarh Division,
Raipur.

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No. 80-A/C.C., dated Bilaspur, the 27th August 1947.

Copy with copy of memorandum No.1372 dated the 26th August 1947 from the District Superintendent of Police, Bilaspur, to the Superintendent of Post Offices, Chhattisgarh Division, Raipur, is forwarded to K.B.L.Seth, Esquire, I.C.S., Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division, Raipur, for favour of information.

Sd/- Naziruddin,
Deputy Commissioner, Bilaspur.

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER: CHHATTISGARH DIVISION: RAIPUR.

No. 335/I, dated Camp Nagpur, the 6th September '47.

Copy, with copy of enclosure, is forwarded to P.S.Rau, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S., Chief Secretary to Government, Central Provinces and Berar, for information.

K. B. L. Seth

COMMISSIONER:
CHHATTISGARH DIVISION.

Copy of memorandum No.1372 dated the 26th August 1947, from the District Superintendent of Police, Bilaspur, to the Superintendent of Post Offices, Chhattisgarh Division, Raipur.

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Subject :- Complaint against the Sub Postmaster of Kargi Road.

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I forward herewith the report of Station Officer Kota against the Sub Postmaster Abdul Gafur of Kargi Road for assaulting the Lineman Mahadeo and for insulting the National Flag etc along with the copy of the sanha report lodged by Mahadeo and the injuries detected on his person by the A.M.O.

2. It would appear that on 12-8-47 the Lineman approached the Sub Postmaster at about 3.30 p.m. in order to issue a telegram to the effect that the telegraph line was not in order. The Sub Postmaster refused to issue the message on the pretext of the day being a holiday. Again on 12-8-47 the Lineman went up to the Sub Postmaster at about 7.30 p.m. with a request to despatch the message but the Sub Postmaster refused on the pretext of going to the mosque to offer Id prayer. When the Lineman bade "Jai Hind" to him the Sub Postmaster ordered him to get out of the premises, upon which a quarrel arose and abuses were exchanged when the Lineman came out of the Post Office. The Sub Postmaster then assaulted the Lineman and threw him down on the ground by which the Lineman sustained injuries on his knees and elbows. This fuss drew the attention of most of the residents and the trouble could be averted with great difficulty.

3. On 15-8-47,ie., on the Independence Day, this Sub Postmaster did not like to hoist the National Flag on the building although the material was supplied to him by the Naib Tahsildar. It was under great pressure that the Sub Postmaster hoisted the National Flag. His attitude and behaviour was most unbecoming and it was resented by the public. Next morning ie., on 16-8-47 the Sub Postmaster falsely reported that somebody had removed the National Flag. He was supplied another but he did not hoist it on that day. However, he hoisted it on the telegraph post on 18-8-47 tailwise.

4. From all these incidents it would appear that the Sub Postmaster has injured the feelings of the general public to a very great extent and it would be in the interests of administration to shift this Sub Postmaster forthwith from the place in order to avoid any further trouble in addition to such departmental action against him as may be deemed expedient.

No. 1372-A, dated Bilaspur, the 26th August 1947.

Copy forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner, Bilaspur, *** for information.

Sd/- B.N.Mehta,
D.S.P. Bilaspur.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bilaspur.

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D.O. No. 80/C.C. Bilaspur the 27th August 1947.

Dear Mr. Swami,

You must have by this time received memorandum no. 1372 dated the 26th August 1947 from the District Superintendent of Police Bilaspur regarding the attitude of Abdul Gaffur Sub Postmaster, Kargi Road, in connection with the hoisting of the National Flag on the Post Office building, the celebrations on the occasion of India's Independence Day and his behaviour with the Lineman there. It seems highly desirable that an enquiry should be made into the conduct of the Sub Postmaster immediately and I hope that you will take it up as soon as possible. At the same time it is necessary that the Sub Postmaster should be transferred from Kargi Road soon so as to prevent any further unpleasantness or trouble there.

Yours sincerely,

Sd./- Naziruddin.

To

K.K.Swami, Esq.,
Superintendent of Post Offices,
Chhattisgarh Division,
Raipur.

No. 80-A/C.C. dated Bilaspur the the 27th August 1947.

Copy, with copy of memorandum no. 1372 dated the 26th August 1947 from the District Superintendent of Police, Bilaspur, to the Superintendent of Post Offices, Chhattisgarh Division, Raipur, is forwarded to K.B.L.Seth, Esq., I.C.S., Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division, Raipur, for favour of information.

Sd./- Naziruddin,
Deputy Commissioner, Bilaspur.

Office of the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division, Raipur,

No. 9 dated Camp Nagpur the 30th August 1947.

Copy with enclosure is forwarded to P.S.Rau, Esq., CIE, ICS, Chief Secretary to Government, Central Provinces and Berar, for information.

K. B. L. Seth

Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division.

From:- Public of Kota.

Sub:- Dishonour of the National flag by the S.P.M, Kota.

Sir,

Have we pf?

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To,

The Deputy Commissioner,

BILASPUR

Ref:- Complaint.

On 14/8/47. the N. T. deputed on duty at Kota enquired from the Sub-PostMaster Mr. Mohd Gafoor if the later had made .... preparations to celebrate the Independance day on the 15th Aug 47 and the later replied that he had no instructions from his Dept. ... and consequently he would not run the risk of spending money from his own pocket on this score. At this the N. T. supplied to him a National Flag and other materials for purposes of eluminati-on. Then the S. P. M. did hoist the Nationmql Flag on the 15th Aug. He did not however join the procession or public celebration as .. as other Local Govt. Officeials did.

The next day i.e. on the 16th. the S. P. M. reported in the Police Station House that his Flag was stolen. The Sub-Inspector of Police recorded his report but at the same time supplied another Flag to him with instructions to hoist it again. This he did not do until 17th evening when he was again reminded by the S. I. Police. The S. P. M. then hoisted the flag with Green colour on the top. It is indeed very surprising that only his flag was stolen in the whole town which all other flags remained intact at their respective places in every house. It further submitted that the salute to National Flag which was an important item in the .... celebration was not offered by him. All this apparently shows that t the s.P. M. has probably a hatred for the National Flag which is a Govt. banner and which every Govt. servant in duty bound to respect and honour. Insult of the National Flag amounts to a crime and the S. P. M. is apparantly guilty of it.

These incident have raised a great sensation in the whole town and have no doubt pained the public. The people of the t town are interested in an enquiry having set up to examine into the conduct of the S. P. M. and if found guilty necesaary action be taken against him.

It will not be out of place to mention here that the ..... behaviour of the S. P. M. with the public so far postal relations are concerned is very teasing and dis-satisfactory. The incident of the 19th. instant which witnessed between the S.P.M. and one time man is supplemented a glaring example to testify the above statment. At the instance of the report of the Line-Man to his Rly officers an enquiry was set up with result not known to us.

A detailed enquiry in the above would extremely oblige the people of Kota.

Kota dated / /47.

Yours Obediently.

the public of Kota and members of N.A.C. Kota as signed here-inorder.

Copy to :-
1. P. M. G. NAGPUR
2. Hon'ble Prime Minister C.P. & Berar.
3. President Mahakoshal Congress Committee.

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K.D.L. [illegible]
Commissioner,
Chhattisgarh Division.

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अजनी स्वतंत्र दिवस उत्सव कमेटी की तरफ से :-

G.S.

W.S. 2/8

आज ता. 21-८-४७ के उपस्थित लगभग ६०० जी. आई. पी. रेल्वे के कामगारों की सभा यह प्रस्ताव सर्व सम्मति से मंजूर करती है कि हम सब लोगों ने जो ता-11-८-४७ की सभा में यह तय किया था कि १५ अगस्त के दिन आजादी की निशानी को यादगार स्वरूप एक स्थायी रूप से राष्ट्रीय झंडा हम्पयार्ड (अजनी) रेल्वे कालोनी में लगाया जाय और इसकी सूचना रेल्वे के सभी आफीसरों को ता. १२ अगस्त को दी थी और उस मुताबिक हम लोगों ने ता. १५ अगस्त के सुबह ८ बजे हम्पयार्ड (अजनी) में टंकी के नजदीक खुले मैदान में (जहां की आम जनता और रेल्वे को कोई तकलीफ न हो) राष्ट्रीय झँडा लगाया। लेकिन ता. १९ अगस्त के सुबह यह मालूम हुवा कि वहाँ पर झंडा नहीं है और यह भी पता लगा कि यहां के जी. आई. पी. रेल्वे के डिविजनल इंजीनियर ता. ने रेसिडेंट इंजीनियर को हुक्म दिया है कि यहां से झंडे सहित खंभे को उखाड़ कर फेंक दिया जाय। यह सभा इस आदेश से तीव्र असंतोष प्रकट करती है और यहां की जनता में जो भावना फैली हुई है कि यह सिर्फ हमारे रेल्वे आमगारों का ही नहीं बल्कि सारे देश का अपमान समझती है। यह सभा यह महसूस करती है कि यह हमारे देश की सरकार का माने हुवे झंडे का रेल्वे आफीसरानों द्वारा इस तरह राष्ट्रीय ध्वज का अपमानित करने में राष्ट्रीय सरकार तथा नागरिक अधिकारों को खुली चुनौती है। इसलिये यह सभा प्रांतीय सरकार और कांग्रेस कमेटी वो रेल्वे के सभी प्रमुख आफीसरों को नम्र निवेदन करती है कि उपर की बातों को ध्यान में रखते हुये इस राष्ट्रीय ध्वज को स्थायी रूप से वहीं पर रखने के लिये तुरंत ही उचित कार्यवाही की जाय और यहां पर जो तीव्र असंतोष फैलने की वजह से जबरदस्त आंदोलन की आशंका पैदा हुई है, उसे ध्यान में रखते हुये ध्वज को स्थायी रूप से रखवाने तथा रेल्वे आफीसरों को उचित दंड देकर शांति स्थापित की जाय।

टीप :- इस झंडे की तथा ध्वज संरक्षक की रक्षा स्वयंसेवक कर रहे हैं।

सेवा में माननीय गवर्नर, प्रांतीय सरकार मध्यप्रांत और बरार, उचित कार्यवाही के लिये :-

मा. स. अनुसर.

ता. 23-८-४७

के. बी. शुक्ल
अध्यक्ष काम. नं. रेल्वे

अजनी स्वतंत्र दिवस उत्सव कमेटी रेल्वे स्टाफ

(contents)

Petition dated 23.8.47 from the President, Anjuman Independence Day Celebration Committee, Railway Staff, Nagpur.

Complaint against the G.I.P. Railway Divisional Engineer, Nagpur, for ordering the removal of the National Flag from the railway premises where it had been hoisted by the staff on the Independence Day.

G.S.

Ch. Secy. 30.8.47

31-8-47.

Complaint against G.I.P. Rly Engr. reg National flag.

Urdu office please put up a translation of the appln for C.S.'s perusal.

P.A. to Dy CE 31/8

1/9/47

Translation is placed below.

2.9.47.

Asstt/9 P.A. to Ch SS

Perhaps to C.S.

The President Ajni Independence Day Celebration Committee, Railway Staff, Nagpur, forwards the following resolutions :-

It was resolved in a meeting of the railway workers of Humpyard held on 11-8-1947 to hoist the national flag on 15-8-1947 in Humpyard (Ajni) Railway Colony and all the railway officers were informed accordingly on 12-8-1947. In accordance with this resolution the national flag was hoisted at 8 A.M. on the 15th morning in an open field (so that it may not cause any inconvenience either to the public or to the railway) near the reservoir. It was noticed on the morning of 19-8-1947 that this flag was removed. It is learnt in this connection that the Divisional Engineer, G.I.P. Railway had ordered the Resident Engineer to remove the flag and the flag staff from there. This ~~maxim~~ meeting of the railway workers held on 21-8-1947 expresses great dissatisfaction at this order and feels that it is not only an insult to the railway workers but also to the whole nation. This meeting feels that this insult by the railway officers to the accepted flag of the nation is an open challenge to the National Government and to the civic rights of the citizens. This meeting of the railway workers therefore humbly requests the ~~Provincial Government, Nagar Congress Committee~~ and all the railway officers that necessary action should immediately be taken to punish the offenders and to allow the national flag to remain permanently at the place where it was hoisted.

Copy of memo No.Con/425/47, dated 2-9-1947 from the D.S.P.,Nagpur to the Dy.I.-G.of Police,W.R.

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Subject :- Hoisting of the flag at the Hump yard railway colony.

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On 15-8-1947 a National flag was hoisted in the Hump yard railway colony, and flag hoisting ceremony was performed by the railway employees. After a week, the railway officials received orders from the officer to take out the flag and the temporary flag staff and keep the flag in safe custody. The flag and the flag staff were, therefore, removed.

2. Another flag was put up by the workers in the locality, and they refused to remove it. On 18-8-1947 someone removed the flag stealthily. It was suspected that some of the European employees, who visited the Institute, where dancing and drinking went on that night, were responsible for this mischief. The workers hoisted another flag on the following morning. After this incident, the Resident Engineer issued a written order to the Overseer asking him to remove the flag staff from the locality. His order has been resented by the railway employees who have sent a petition to the Resident Engineer and Divisional Engineer and shown their resentment through press. The workers demand that the flag hoisted by them in the Hump Yard colony on the Independence Day should not be removed, but allowed to fly.

3. The police has not interfered in the dispute as it concerns the railway employees and the railway authorities, but further developments, which are being watched, will be reported in due course.

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No. WR/391, dated 9-9-1947.

Copy forwarded to the Chief Secretary to Government, Central Provinces and Berar, for information.

9/9/47

D.I.G.W.R.
for I.-G.of Police, C.P. and Berar.

Hon. Nafde

9/9

मे. पंतप्रधान प. रविशंकरजी

यांचे सेवेसी

प्रकरण अर्ज करतो. [illegible] की चांद्याला डॉ हेडगे-
वारांनी आहत त्याबद्दल आपल्या चावडीत
आहत पण विरोधी पक्ष झाका दुसरा
आहे की त्यांनी तो सहीसलामत सुटू शकला.
न्यू दिल्लीत बकेचे आयरन्टर बलवंतराव देशमु-
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दुसरे कारण - ज्यांनी टाकीचे टेंपररी लायसं-
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तारीख १४ ला रा. स्व. संघाची स्वयंसेवी
सभा झाली त्यांत ४२ ते की मगवा डेडगे हत्त्य
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हा डेडा कांग्रेसचा व कांग्रेस मुसलमानाची देवेल

मॅजेस्टिकवर मराठ्यांचे झेंडा लावावा म्हणून शाळेच्या अधिकाऱ्यांची सभा झाली होती. दुसरेदिवशी सरकारच्या हुकुमाचा बडगा. पण मिस्टीने हुकूम दिला १५ तारखेला तिरंगीच लावा. सभेची लोकांनी व पुन्हा काढून टाकला तो ऑफीसांतही नाही असे तालुका कॉ० कॉ० ला कळले पण परवा लोकांची सभा झाली तेव्हा हिंदू सभेवर व सध्यावर टीका झाली म्हणून चिडून दुसरेदिवशी सरकारने शाळेचा झेंडा जाळला असे कुणी सांगतात.

हे सगळे लोक विद्वान आहे म्हणून चवकशीचा कायदा सापडत नाही.

कचेरीतून परवा शपथा झाल्या त्याच्या अगोदर संघाची व हिंदुसभेतील सरकारी नोकर वर्गाची खासगी सभा झाली त्यात ठरले. आपला झेंडा लावा. आमचा पण प्रधान गोळवलकर उरलाच. आम्ही कचेरीत शपथा घेऊ. हजार शपथा घेऊ पण अमुकी मूक भूमिका बदलणार नाही. कचेरीतून जाऊन के लोक आले = डीसी डेप्युटी पोलीस व सबसाहेब व फूड ऑफिसर सोडून बाकी-

सोर लोक हिंदुसभा व राष्ट्रीय स्वयंसेवका संघाचे ओहत. आगंगरत्याचा सेंडा चोरी गेला. त्याच्या आदल्या दिवशी संघात ठरले आमही मनात आणू तर कचेरीपासून माझ्या घरापर्यंत सर्व सेंडे उचलून दारावर. दुसऱ्या दिवशी तो चोरी गेला. हे लोक कोणी नांव घेतले तर मारायला धावतात. झकया घरात परवा सकेवर गोटमार सोडली होती. पोलिसांनी लाठ्या आणून यांना हाकलले. कायदेबाडा वकीलांची साथ असल्याने हे लोक ताकीत खपडा घेतात व त्याची ती उचारअर्ज आहे. त्यांना धमकावून मारतात. दर वाडीत सध्या ह्याच्याच लोकांचा व त्यांच्या मारामाऱ्या चालू आहे. म्हणून सर्व खबरी माहिती करता हे लिहिले. हा अडी लोक असल्याने अडीधाराचे हत्यारे मारे मारतील मी यांच्या वाडीत व हा हिंदू संघवाल्याच्याच घरी राहतो.

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१५ तारखेला खुशाल येऊन मी सेंडा
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म्हणून माझ्यावर आपण येऊन नये म्हणून
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आपला नम्र
एक चांदाच्या नागरिक.

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Sect.

Regr.No.3762-V,d/3-10-47.

Portfolio of

Letter No.10/708,dated the 22nd August 1947,from the Secy.to the Vidarbha Provincial Comgress Committee,Akola.

Insult to National flag and national leaders by the S.D.O.Khamgaon and by Mr.Bhate respectively.

D.C.Buldana for report please.

Sd/R.G.Tiwari
11-9-47.
Ch.Secy.

There is no mention made about this in the D.C's report placed below.
Call for the report from the D.C.?
Draft endt.put up for approval.

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G.B.Deshpande
4/10/47

Vide endt.No.- 3258 — 3762-V D 6-10-47 to
D.C. Buldana (in original).

Regr No. 4243-V of 14-11-47

Encls. No. 445, of 12-11-47, from the Comm. Berar on Susp v Nafde 6/10

A Complaint from Mr. L.P. Dubey Secy. Buldana Dist & Khamgaon congress committee alleging insult by Mr. Page S.D.O. Khamgaon to the National Flag was receeived through the Vidarbha Provl. congress committee (1 p. 1 - 3 of 4 p.) The letters were endorsed to the D.C. Buldana for reports. The commr has forwarded D.C's reports. The D.C's report shows that there is no substance in the allegation. no action is called for. File?

Mis about the news item published in 'Matribhumi' by Mr. Dube alleging that Mr. Page the then S.D.O at Khamgaon insulted the National flag on the independence day celebrations. The D.C's report at p. 8 of papers shows that there is no substance in it File?

G.B.Deshpande
19/11/47

Ch. Secy

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Rcd. today. 8/11/10 Pl. speak inst. Hon'ble Bonthawar & Hon. Nafde

Telegrams: BIYANI Telephone No. 55

VIDARBHA PROVINCIAL CONGRESS COMMITTEE

Hon. Nafde

President:
BRIJLAL BIYANI

Secretary:
G. R. KULKARNI

Rajasthan Bhawan

No. 10/708 AKOLA 22nd August 1947.

Hon'ble Pandit RaviShankar Shukla,
Prime Minister, Government of C.P. & Berar,
Nagpur.

Dr. Buldhana report please

Dear Panditji,

I am enclosing herewith a complaint from Shri L.P.Dubey, Secretary, Buldana District and Khamgaon Nagar Congress Committee; Khamgaon regarding an important incident on ~~Independence~~-day at Khamgaon. I hope you will be pleased to order inquiry and take suitable action.

Yours sincerely,

G. R. Kulkarni

Secretary.

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GOVERNMENT OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCES AND BERAR.
Political and Military Department.
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No. 3258 -3762/V Dated Nagpur the 6th October 1947.

Forwarded in original to the Deputy Commissioner, Buldana, for favour of report and return.

Additional Under Secretary to Govt.,
Central Provinces and Berar,
Political and Military Department.

Memo: Please see
upto. 7.10.47.

Vidarbha Provincial Congress Committee
No. 1389
Received On 20-8-47
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File No.
Rajasthan Bhawan, Akola

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT & NAGAR CONGRESS COMMITTEE, KHAMGAON.

To,

The Honourable Prime Minister,
The Government of Central Provinces & Berar, Nagpur.

Through:-
The President, Vidarbha Provincial Congress Committee,
Akola.

Respected Sir,

The undersigned begs to submit the following for your kind consideration and necessary action :-

The official ceremony of hoisting the National Flag and the consequential official salute, with police parade and police salute was arranged at the Municipal ground at Khamgaon. Mr. P.V. Pagey, the Sub-Divisional Officer, was in charge of the function as the senior most officer on the spot, and he was to unfurl the Flag.

At this occasion Mr. Pagey arrived the spot without paying his respect to the national flag, either by taking out his hat which he wore on his head or otherwise saluting the flag. Instead of unfurling the flag himself, he only asked the tahsildar, Khamgaon to unfurl the same, which he did without observing any of the usual ceremonials befitting to the occasion. As a senior most officer he should have unfurled the flag himself after paying his due respect to the flag. On the contrary he stood with his back to the Flag, while reading out the message of the Honourable Prime Minister and thus dis-respected the flag.

Another notable incident occurred in the Government High School. A function of unveiling the photoes of the most reverend national leaders just as of Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Jawarlal Nehru, Vallabh-bhai Patel etc. was arranged by the students and the teachers of the school on the independence day. Boys and teachers collected subscriptions for the function with great enthusiasm. But to their disappointment they were compell-ed to drop the function from their programme. It is said that this was due to the resentment shown by Mr. S.R. Bhate Pleader who is also a Municipal president, and some other Hindu Sabhaite leaders. It is learnt that they alleged that these leaders are not the leaders of the Nation but of a particular political party and unveiling their photoes would hurt the feelings of a section of the public (I.E. Hindu Sabhaites). We fail to under-stand why any weight was attached to this sort of opinion, particularly when it hurt the feelings of the national minded public.

Mr. Bhate is wellknown Hindu Sabhaite and the Hindu Sabhaites have preached openly by taking processions and arrang-ing lectures to boycott the celebration of the Independence day.

P.T.O.

We, therefore, urge the Provincial Government to take note of these important incidents and to take suitable action in the matter.

Hoping to hear from you at the earliest opportunity,

Khamgaon.
D/- 18 th Aug., 1947.

A. P. Deshmukh
Secretary
Buldana District &
Khamgaon Nagar Congress
Committees, Khamgaon.

GOVERNMENT OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCES AND BERAR.
Political and Military Department.
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No. 3256 -3762/V Dated Nagpur the 6th October 1957.

Forwarded in original to the Deputy Commissioner, Buldana, for favour of report and return.

Additional Under Secretary to Govt.,
Central Provinces and Berar,
Political and Military Department.

Office of the Commissioner, Berar Division.

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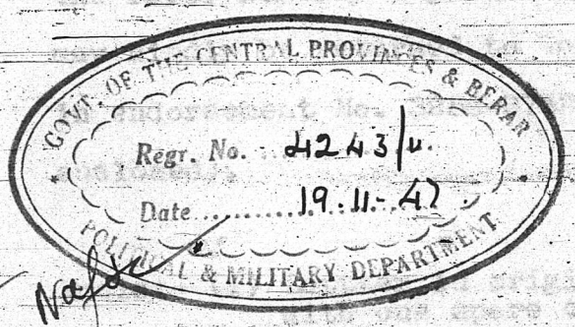
No.445. Dated Amraoti Camp the 12th November, 1947.

Copy with enclosures as noted in the margin forwarded to the Secretary to Government, C.P.and Berar, Political and Military Department, Nagpur, with reference to that department's endorsement No.3258-3762/V, of the 6th October, 1947, to the D.C.Buldana.

1. Letter to H.P.M. from Mr.L.P.Dubey, Secretary, Buldana District and Khamgaon Nagar Congress Committees;
2. Copy of D.C.Buldana's d.o.letter No.693, dated 2-9-1947, to me.
3. Five enclosures to No.(2) above, as received from D.C.Buldana.



Commissioner, Berar.

D.O.No.962.

Buldana,

The 9th November 1947.

Dear Mr. Kamath,

Will you kindly refer to my D.O. letter No. 693, dated the 2nd September 1947, regarding Independence Day celebrations at Khamgaon ? I enclose in original a letter dated the 18th August 1947 from Mr. L.P.Dubey, Secretary of the Buldana District Congress Committee, addressed to Hon'ble the Prime Minister. In my D.O. letter mentioned above, I have explained the position in detail and have forwarded copies of the relevant news paper reports. I request that Government may kindly be informed of the facts already reported by me. The letter of Mr. Dubey may kindly be returned to Government as desired by Government in endorsement No. 3258-3762/V, dated the 6th October 1947 (copy enclosed).

Encls:- (i) Lettter in original with one spare copy.
(ii) Copy of Govt's endt. No.3258-3762/V,d/- 6-10-1947.
(iii) one dpare copy.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) M.R.Joshi,

H.S.Kamath, Esqr., ICS.,
Commissioner, Berar,
Amraoti Camp.

Copy of d.o. No.693, dated 2-9-1947 from the D.C.Buldana, to the Commissioner, Berar Division.

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In the Matribhumi dated 24-8-1947 a news-item appeared regarding the Independence Day celebrations at Khamgaon. It was reported in this news-item that the National flag was hoisted by the Sub Divisional Officer, Mr.Pagay, through his Tahsildar, that he (Mr.Pagay) turned his back towards the flag, and that while reading the message of the Prime Minister, he did not observe the required dignity and ceremony and performed the whole show as if it was a 'Bigar'. In my d.o. letter No.651, dated 25-8-47 (copy enclosed), I referred the Sub Divisional Officer to this news-item, and asked him to give a correct version. I enclose a copy of his d.o.letter No.92, dated 29-8-1947, which I have received in reply, for your information. The news in question has been contradicted in the 'Ninad' dated 28-8-47 and the Maharashtra dated 28-8-47 (copies enclosed). In the "Hitavada" of the 29th August also the correct version of the ceremony has been reported(extract enclosed). It will thus be seen that the news item in the Matribhumi of 24-8-47 was definitely mischievous. As will be seen from the Sub Divisional Officer's report, the man who was responsible for giving the false news was Mr.Gopal Prasad Dube of Khamgaon. As contradictions have already appeared in different papers, I do not think any further action on the publicity side is necessary, but you might like to bring all this to the notice of Government. I am, however, sending a copy of this to the Director of Information and Publicity as required by the instructions contained in Publicity Department memorandum No.609/XXIII, dated 29-4-,1947.

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Copy of D.O. letter No. 651, dated the 25th August 1947, from the Deputy Commissioner, Buldana, to the Sub Divisional Officer, Khamgaon.

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I herewith forward a copy of the news-item dated the 17th August 1947 appearing the 'Matribhumi' of the 24th August 1947. I do not think the facts stated in the news-item are correct. Will you please give me a correct version as early as possible ?

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Copy of ~~xxxxxxxx~~ D.O. letter No. 92, dated the 29th August 1947, from the Sub Divisional Officer, Khamgaon, to the Deputy Commissioner, Buldana.

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Would you please refer to your D.O. letter No. 651, dated 25-8-1947, enclosing a copy of the news item appearing in the Matrubhumi of the 24th August, 1947 ? The news regarding dishonour of the National Flag by me is entirely false and is a pure fabrication by one Gopal Prasad Dube, who styles himself as Secretary of the local Congress Committee. The stab in the back by this man is the result of my not acceding to his wishes to grant him quota of cloth for sale and a ration shop in the Khamgaon provisioning area, as well as a shop for ~~xxx~~ selling juar in the villages. All the three applications of Gopal Prasad Dube for the above mentioned shops are pending with me for enquiry.

2. The news item in the Matrubhumi, dated 24-8-47 has been contradicted by the same paper in its issue, dated 28-8-1947. The correct version of the flag hoisting ~~xxx~~ ceremony has been given in the Maharashtra, dated 28-8-1947 and in the Hitavada, dated 29-8-47. Prominent citizens of the Khamgaon town have issued a contradiction in the weekly paper 'Ninad' from Khamgaon, dated 28-8-1947.

3. As far as I can gauge the public opinion, I find that except one or two disgruntled souls, everyone has been shocked to see the false and absurd news item in the Matrubhumi, dated 24-8-1947. The beauty of the Khamgaon celebrations was that no distinction between official and non-official items of the programme was observed. As I found that the local Congress Committee did not have sufficient funds and workers to carry out the various items of the programme, I gave them full aid in material and also in men. The programme of the Police parade and the hoisting and ~~xxx~~ saluting of the flag on the municipal maidan was considered by everyone as the smartest performance. I had specially arranged for Vande Mataram song by the high school girls and playing of the national anthem by the band of the Jain Yuwak Sangh. The hoisting of the flag was actually done by me. The newspaperr report that the hoisting of the flag was done by the Tahsildar is entirely false. The ceremony was witnessed by about eight to ten thousand people and I can prove to the hilt that the news item is false and fabricated by Gopal Prasad Dube to suit his own ends and to stab me in the back.

4. Luckily, we had prepared a detailed plan showing the place of the flag staff, place where I stood to take salute and read the Premier's message and the place assigned to the Police and the S.A.F. This will clearly disprove most of the allegations. Photograph of the ceremony were also taken, and these will give a lie to the absurd statements in the report. This may kindly be treated as an interim report and in case a report is asked for by Government, I shall send a complete report proving to the hilt that every statement in the newspaper report appearing in the Matrubhumi, dated 24-8-1947 is entirely false.

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Copy of extract from the news-item from the "Hitavada" dated the 29th August 1947.

Punctual to the minute, Mr. P.V.Pagay, A.D.M. arrived to preside over the august function. He hoisted the first official flag of independent India and conveyed to the public the message of the Prime Minister. The whole performance was solemn, dignified and bore the imprint of perfection. Mr. Pagay had an aura of solemnity about him most appropri-ate to the occasion.

Vociferous and wild cheer greeted the flag when it was unfurled. The police presented arm and marched past to salute the flag which was received by Mr. Pagay, who, accompanied by the Deputy Superintendent of Police, inspected the force. It was a stately performance.

News item from "Mirad" 3/11
dated 28.8.1947.

श्री० पाळे यांचेवरील अन्याय.
मातृभूमीचा वार्तमीदाराचा खोडसाळपणा.

मातृभूमीच्या रविवारच्या ता०
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आला आहे तो सर्वस्वी खोटा
आहे. श्री० पाळे यांनी अत्यंत
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पाळे यांस्च आहे. वार्तमीदाराचा
त्यांना बदनाम करण्याचा काहीतरी
स्वार्थी हेतू दिसतो. श्री० पाळे
यांचे संबंधी गैरसमज होऊं नये
म्हणून.

म्हणून आम्ही सह्या करणारे मुद्दाम
जाहीर करीत आहो.

नागरीक.

अब्दुल रहेमानखां
एम. एल. ए.
होळकरमाले कन्हैयालाल
कांतीलाल गोकुलदास
मोरनलाल भवनलाल
विश्वनाथ गोपाळ गाडकरी
रायचंद नारायण.

न. कॉ. क. सभासद.

डॉ. म. ना. पारसनीस
जगन्नाथ रामनाथ खांडे
नवनीतलाल मोहता
विश्वनाथ रामप्पा आवटे
गोविंददास रतनलाल
अब्दुल सत्तीफ सालीक
डॉ. पु. गो. एकबोटे
सौ. इंदिरा एकबोटे
माधवराव पाउलकं
चंपकलाल रायचंद.

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News-item from the 'Maharashtra'
dated 28.8.1947.

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रवामगांवचा स्वातंत्र्योत्सव.
गैरसमजाचें निराकरण.

रविवार ता. २४-८ च्या 'मातृभूमी' पत्रांत रवामगांवच्या स्वातंत्र्योत्सवाबद्दल प्रसिद्ध झालेली बातमी सर्वस्वी खोटी व विकृत अशी आहे. एथील S.D.O. श्री० पागे यांनी अत्यंत उत्साहानें हा समारंभात भाग घेतला. त्यांच्या घरावर मोटारीवर त्यांच्या कपड्यांवर तिरंगी ध्वज लावलेले, √ दिसत असत. त्यांनी स्वातंत्र्योत्सवाच्या निरनिराळ्या ठिकाणी झालेल्या सार्वजनिक समारंभांत देखील भाग घेतला. सेंट वस्त मिरवणूक हा तेथ समारंभ यशस्वी व्हावेत म्हणून त्यांनी खास खबरदारी घेतली होती. सर्व समारंभांत लोकांच्या मनावर विशेष परिणामकारक समारंभ झाला असेल तर तो पोलीस परेड च्या सेंट्रास प्रेझेंट आर्म्स हा कार्यक्रम. श्री० पागे हे सिनीयर ऑफीसर असल्यानें त्यांनीच सलामी दिली व घेतली. कॉंग्रेसच्या नेहमीच्या सेंटावंदनाच्या पद्धतींत व सरकारी पद्धतींत फरक असल्यामुळे हा गैरसमज झाला असला पाहिजे किंवा त्याला मुद्दाम विकृत स्वरूप दिले गेले आहे असें एक नागरिक कळविलात.

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Rept. to day
Aur 22/9/47

Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Buldana.

Memorandum.

No. 625/ST. Dated Buldana, the 17th August 1947.

To

The Commissioner,
Berar Division,
Amraoti Camp.

Subject :- Independence Day Celebrations.

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The whole programme of the Independence Day celebrations was carried out with great enthusiasm, and was an unqualified success. Precisely at midnight of the 14th August the birth of the Day was heralded by blowing bugles, whistles, sirens and motor horns, ringing temple and Church bells, etc. In the early morning of the 15th August 1947 the people woke up to the soft music of Sanai and Nagaras all over the district. National Flags were mounted on the office buildings and all public buildings precisely at 6.00 A.M., except at places where the special hoisting ceremonies were done at 8-30 A.M.

2. The police parade at Buldana attracted a crowd of nearly five thousand, and great enthusiasm prevailed. The police turn-out was exceptionally smart and the whole function evoked praise and admiration from all concerned. Pandit Kanade Shashtri, who took the salute, read out the messages of Hon'ble the Prime Minister to the Government servants and to the public in a manner befitting the occasion. The ceremonies of worship of arms, laying the foundation stone of the Commemmoration Column, and the planting of Commemmoration Tree were also carried out by Pandit Kanade Shashtri and at every function he gave suitable speeches. Similar programmes at Khamgaon and other places were also carried out successfully and with great enthusiasm.

3. The official programme was supplemented by non-official programmes. All the towns in the district were tastefully decorated. Distribution of sweets was done according to the scheduled programme, and a number of sports were played on High School grounds. Arrangements were made to supply National flags to villages and reports received so far show that the villagers ----

villagers also showed their zeal and enthusiasm in carrying out the programmes in their respective villages. Illuminations were done throughout the whole district.

4. The most notable feature of the celebrations was that the Muslims took active part in the programme and very impressive speeches on the Hindu Muslim Unity were made by Pandit Kanade Shashtri at Buldana, and by Mr. Abdul Raheman Khan, M.L.A. at Khamgaon and others. Processions in connection with the celebrations, taken out at different places in the district, passed off peacefully.

5. The police arrangements were quite efficient everywhere and all officials took every care to make the programme a great success. Non-official help was freely available at all functions and the success of the whole programme was due to the combined efforts of both officials and non-officials. The Hindu Sabhaits at some places, (e.g. Mehkar) did not take part in the celebrations.

(Sd) M.R.Joshi,

Deputy Commissioner,
Buldana District.

No. 625-A/ST. Dated Buldana, the 17th August 1947.

Copy forwarded to the Chief Secretary to Government, Central Provinces and Berar, Nagpur, for information.

Deputy Commissioner,
Buldana District.

Office of the Sub-Divisional Officer, Khamgaon.

D.O.No.87. Dated Khamgaon the 17th August 1947.

Dear Rao Sahib,

Would you please refer to your endorsement No.620/ST., dated 16-8-47, on the D.O.No.C/47, dated 13-8-47, from the Commissioner, Berar, regarding the passage of Independence Day processions through the Mastan Chauk, Khamgaon.

2. The subject was discussed at length by me again on 13-8-47, with the local leaders, including Dr.Ekbote, M.L.A., Mr.Abdur Rahman Khan, M.L.A., and Mr.Jhunjhunwala, President of the District Congress Committee. It was made clear to all concerned that as definite orders have been received from the provincial government regarding the passage of Independence Day processions, all precautions for the safe passage of the procession would be taken by the local authorities. It was also clearly explained that in the event of the Independence Day processions passing through the Mastan Chauk, similar processions organised by the Muslim League will have a right to pass through the Sarafa locality. The stand taken up by Mr. Abdur Rahman Khan, Muslim League M.L.A. and the leader of the local Mohammedans, was that in case the Independence Day procession organised by the Congress was taken out through the Mastan Chauk, the local Muslims would not join the various items of the celebrations arranged by the Congress, and that they would, in that case, participate only in the official functions of the Independence Day celebrations.

3. I am glad to report that I was able to reconcile all the conflicting views and the final decision of the leaders of the various local groups and parties was that the Independence Day procession should not pass through the Mastan Chauk. The result was that the local Muslims took part in all the items of the celebrations in large numbers and the credit of this goes to their leader, Mr.Abdur Rahman Khan, M.L.A., Dr.Ekbote M.L.A., also adopted a reasonable attitude and did not insist on the procession passing through the Mastan Chauk, though the orders of the Government were in favour of the view originally

held

by him. Mr.Abdur Rahman Khan, M.L.A., himself arranged a big procession of the Muslims from the Mastan Chauk and this procession joined the main Congress procession near the District Congress Committee Office. In the public meeting arranged by the Congress in the evening, Mr.Abdur Rahman Khan, M.L.A., delivered a most impressive speech on Hindu-Muslim unity and pledged his full support to the Congress Government. At the moment, the relations between the Hindus and the Mohammedans in the Khamgaon town are quite happy, thanks to the forbearance and spirit of accommodation shown by the leaders of the respective communities, particularly by Dr. Ekbote and Mr.Abdur Rahman Khan.

Yours sincerely,

Sd. P.V.Pagay

Rao Sahib M.R.Joshi,
Deputy Commissioner,
Buldana.

Copy forwarded to H.S.Kamath, Esq.,CIE.ICS., - - - Commissioner, Berar, for information.

Sd. P.V.Pagay

17-8-47. Sub-Divisional Officer, Khamgaon

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Office of the Commissioner, Berar Division.

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No.251. Dated Amraoti Camp the 18th August 1947.

Copy forwarded to P.S.Rau, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S., Chief Secretary to Government, Central Provinces and Berar, Nagpur, for information with reference to his telegram No.4512-2, dated the 12th August 1947.

H.S. Kamath

Commissioner, Berar.